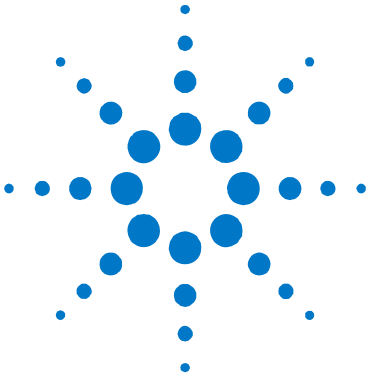

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Series N6700

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Direct current

Alternating current

Both direct and alternating current

Three phase alternating current

Earth (ground) terminal

Protective earth ground terminal.

Frame or chassis terminal

Terminal is at earth potential.

Neutral conductor on permanently installed equipment

Line conductor on permanently installed equipment.

On supply

Off supply

Standby supply. Unit is not completely disconnected from AC mains when switch is off

In position of a bi-stable push switch

Out position of a bi-stable push switch

Caution, risk of electric shock

Caution, hot surface

Caution, refer to accompanying description

In this Book

Specific chapters in this manual contain the following information:

- Quick Reference – Chapter 1 is a quick reference section that helps you quickly become familiar with your Agilent N6700 Modular Power System. It describes the differences between the various modules in the power system.
- Installation – Chapter 2 describes how to install your power system. It describes how to connect various loads to the output. It discusses remote sensing as well as parallel and series operation.
- Getting Started – Chapter 3 describes how to set the voltage, current, over-voltage protection, and turn on the output. It also describes how to configure the remote interface.
- Operating the Power System – Chapter 4 describes how to use the advanced features of the power system using the front panel menus and the corresponding SCPI commands.
- Specifications – Appendix A describes specifications and supplemental characteristics.
- Using the Digital Port – Appendix B describes how to configure and use the digital port on the back of the instrument.
- Power Allocation – Appendix C describes the power allocation function, which applies to power system in which the combined ratings of the power modules exceed the power rating of the mainframe.
- Output On/Off Synchronization – Appendix D discusses output on/off synchronization, which lets you accurately synchronize output turn-on sequences across multiple mainframes.
- Source Operating Modes – Appendix E discusses operating mode information for all power modules.

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Updates

This manual describes firmware revision D.00.00 and up. Go to http://www.agilent.com/find/N6700firmware if you need to download this or any later versions of the firmware. Information on how to install the firmware is available on the web site.

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This chapter concisely describes the operation of the Agilent N6700 Modular Power System (MPS).

This chapter does not describe every operating feature in detail. It is simply a quick reference guide to quickly become familiar with the essential operating features of the power system.

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NOTE Unless otherwise noted, the Agilent N6700 Modular Power System will also be referred to as "MPS" and "power system" throughout this manual.

The Agilent N6700 Modular Power System – At a Glance

The Agilent N6700 Modular Power System is a configurable, one rack-unit (1U) platform that lets you mix and match power modules to create a power system optimized for your test system requirements.

Agilent N6700–N6702 MPS mainframes are available in power levels of 400 W, 600 W, and 1,200 W. Up to four power modules can be installed in each mainframe. Power modules come in power levels of 20 W, 50 W, 100 W, and 300 W, have various voltage and current combinations, and provide the following performance features:

- The N673xB, N674xB, and N677xA DC Power Modules provide programmable voltage and current, measurement, and protection features, making these economical models suitable for powering the device-under-test or system resources such as fixture controls.
- The N675xA High-Performance, Autoranging DC Power Modules provide low noise, high accuracy, fast programming times, and advanced programming and measurement capabilities to speed test throughput.
- The N676xA Precision DC Power Modules provide precise control and measurements in the milli- and micro-ampere region with the ability to simultaneously digitize voltage and current and capture those measurements into an oscilloscope-like data buffer.
- Agilent N678xA Source/Measure Units have a multiple-quadrant power mesh with separate voltage and current priority source modes. These models are optimized for specific applications such as battery drain analysis and functional testing.

The output and system features are described in the following sections. Not all output features are available on every power module. The “Model Differences” section describes the features that apply only to specific power modules.

Output Features

Programmable voltage and current	Full programming capability is provided for the entire range of output voltage and current. Outputs can operate as either constant voltage (CV) or constant current (CC) sources.
Low output noise	Available on Agilent N676xA and N675xA power modules. Output noise is <4.5 mV peak-to-peak, which is comparable to linear supplies.
Fast up/down programming	Available on Agilent N675xA, N676xA, and N678xA power modules. ≤1.5 millisecond response time from 10% to 90% of the output rating.
Fast transient response	Available on Agilent N675xA, N676xA, and N678xA power modules. Transient response is less than 100 µs.
Output autoranging capability	Available on Agilent N676xA and N675xA power modules. Autoranging supplies the maximum rated power over a continuous range of voltage and current settings.

Output On/Off sequencing A turn-on/turn-off delay capability for each output allows output on/off sequencing.

Remote voltage sensing Two remote sensing terminals are provided for each output. When shipped, the remote sense jumpers are included in a separate bag. See Chapter 2.

Output protection Each output has over-voltage, over-current, and over-temperature protection. Over-voltage and over-current protection are programmable.

Multiple-Quadrant operation Available on Agilent N678xA power modules.
2- and 4-quadrant operation provides source and sink output capability.

Measurement Features

Multiple-output/Single-output meter display Switch between a 4-output summary view and a 1-output detailed view of power supply information. All power modules display real-time output voltage and current measurements as well as status information.

Seamless measurement autoranging Available on Agilent N6781A and N6782A power modules.
Output measurements seamlessly autorange between ranges – however, the 10 µA current range must be selected manually.

Low current measurement range Available on Agilent N678xA power modules.
Current measurement can be made as low as 1 µA in the 10 µA range.

Digitizing speed Available on Agilent N678xA power modules.
5.12 µs/sample for one parameter; 10.14 µs/sample for two parameters.

System Features

Choice of three interfaces GPIB (IEEE-488), LAN, and USB remote programming interfaces are built in.

Built-in Web server A built-in Web server lets you control the instrument directly from an internet browser on your computer.

SCPI language The instrument is compatible with the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI).

Front panel I/O setup Menus let you set up GPIB and LAN parameters from the front panel.

Real-time status information The front panel indicates the status of each output. It also indicates when a protection shut-down has occurred.

Module identification Each module has identifying data stored in non-volatile memory. Information includes model number, serial number, and options.

Model Differences

Feature	Precision Modules		High-Performance Modules			DC Power Modules		
(● = available)					N6753A	N6731B-	N6741B-	N6773A-
	N6761A	N6762A	N6751A	N6752A	N6754A	N6736B	N6746B	N6776A
50 W output rating	●		●			●		
100 W output rating		●		●			●	
300 W output rating					●			●
Autoranging output capability	●	●	●	●	●			
Output disconnect relays	Opt. 761	Opt. 761	Opt. 761	Opt. 761	Opt. 761	Opt. 761	Opt. 761	Opt. 761
Output disconnect/Polarity reversal relays					Opt. 760	Opt. 760	Opt. 760[1]	Opt. 760[1]
Precision voltage and current measurements	●	●						
Low voltage output and measurement range	●	●						
Low current output and measurement range	●	●						
200 microampere measurement range	Opt. 2UA[2]	Opt. 2UA[2]						
Simultaneous voltage and current measurement	●	●						
Voltage or current turn-on priority	●	●						
Output list capability (Test Extensions)	●	●	Opt. 054	Opt. 054	Opt. 054			
Programmable sample rate (Test Extensions)	●	●	Opt. 054	Opt. 054	Opt. 054			
Array readback capability (Test Extensions)[3]	●	●	Opt. 054	Opt. 054	Opt. 054			
Double-wide (occupies 2 channel locations)					●			

Feature	Source/Measure Units		
(● = available)	N6781A	N6782A	N6784A
20 W output rating	●	●	●
2-quadrant operation	●	●	
4-quadrant operation			●
Output disconnect relays	●	●	●
Voltage or current priority mode	●	●	●
Programmable output resistance	●		
600 mV output range	●	●	●
300 mA output range	●	●	
100 mA, 10 mA output ranges			●
1V, 100 mV measurement ranges	●	●	●
100 mA, 1 mA, 10 µA measurement ranges	●	●	●
Simultaneous voltage and current measurements	●	●	●
Seamless measurement autoranging	●	●	
5 µs measurements for one parameter	●	●	●
Auxiliary voltage measurement	●		
Output list capability	●	●	●
Programmable sample rate	●	●	●
Array readback capability[3]	●	●	●
Double-wide (occupies 2 channel locations)			

Notes:

[1]Output current is limited to 10A maximum on Models N6742B and N6773A; Option 760 is not available on Model N6741B.

[2]Option 2UA includes output disconnect relays.

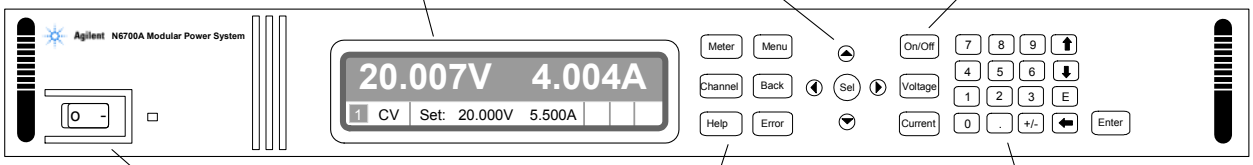
[3]Only available when using the remote interfaces; not from the front panel.

The Front Panel – At a Glance

Display
Turns off after 1 hour of inactivity. Press any key to restore the display.

Navigation keys
Move the cursor to a menu item.
Select the highlighted menu item.

Output keys
Turn the outputs on or off.
Enter voltage or current.



On/Off switch and LED
LED indicates power is on.
Green = normal operation.
Amber = display is screen-saver mode.

System keys
Toggle between single-channel and multiple-channel view.
Access front panel command menu.
Select an output channel to control.

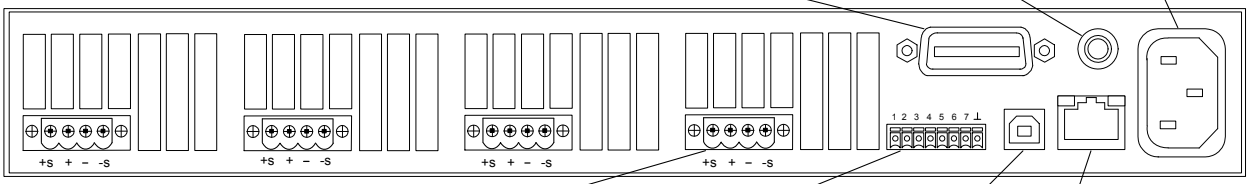
Numeric entry keys
Enter values.
Arrow keys increment or decrement voltage and current settings.

The Rear Panel – At a Glance

3-pin IEC 320 AC input connector
Power cord requires ground conductor.

Chassis ground binding post

GPIB connector



Output connector.
Includes +/–output and +/– sense terminals.

8-pin digital control connector
Connector function is user-configurable.

USB connector

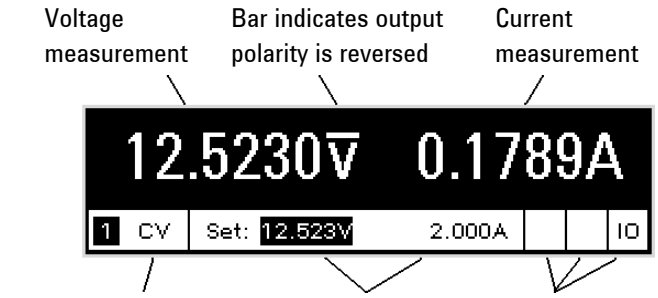
LAN connector
10/100 Base-T
Left LED indicates activity. Right LED indicates link integrity.

WARNING **SHOCK HAZARD The power cord provides a chassis ground through a third conductor. Be certain that your power outlet is of the three-conductor type with the correct pin connected to earth ground.**

Front Panel Display – At a Glance

Single-channel view

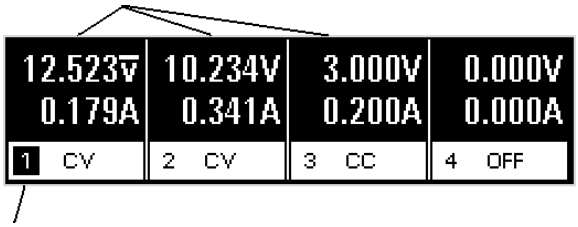
Press the Meter key to toggle between views



Multiple-channel view

Press the Meter key to toggle between views

Voltage and Current measurements

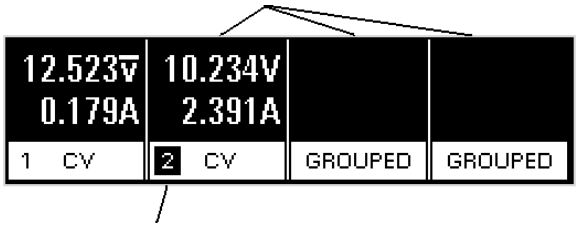


The highlighted channel is the active channel

Grouped-channel view

Refer to Chapter 4, under "System-Related Operations" for more information

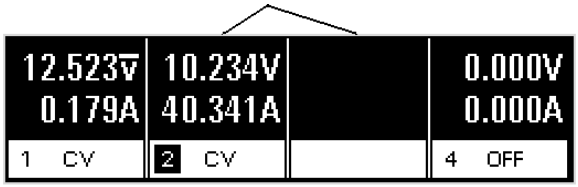
Channels 2 through 4 are connected in parallel and have been configured or grouped to act as a single, higher-power channel



Grouped channels are addressed using the channel number of the **lowest** channel in the group

Double-wide view

Channel 2 is a double-wide power module that occupies two channel locations in the mainframe



Interface status indicators

Err = an error has occurred (press Error key to display error message)
Lan = the LAN is connected and has been configured
IO = there is activity on one of the remote interfaces

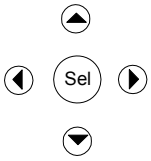
Operating status indicators	OFF = the output is off CV = the output is in constant voltage mode CC = the output is in constant current mode CP+ = the output is limited (or disabled) by the positive power limit CP– = the output is limited (or disabled) by the negative power limit VL+/– = the output is in positive or negative voltage limit mode CL+/– = the output is in positive or negative current limit mode OV = the output is disabled by the over-voltage protection OV– = the output is disabled by the negative over-voltage protection OC = the output is disabled by the over-current protection OT = the over-temperature protection has tripped PF = the output is disabled by a power-fail condition OSC = the output is disabled by the oscillation protection INH = the output is disabled by an external inhibit signal UNR = the output is unregulated PROT = the output is disabled by a condition from a coupled channel

Front Panel Keys – At a Glance

System keys

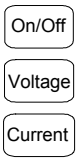
Meter returns the display to metering mode.
Menu accesses the command menu.
Channel selects or highlights a channel to control.
Back backs out of a menu without activating any changes.
Help accesses information about the displayed menu control.
Error displays any error messages in the error queue.

Navigation keys



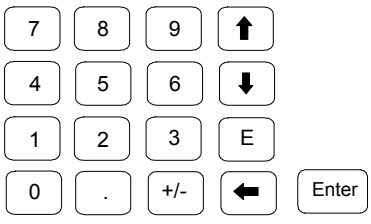
The Arrow keys let you move around in the command menus.
The Select key lets you make a selection in the command menus. It also lets you enter edit mode for numeric parameters.

Output keys



On/Off controls the selected output (or all outputs when **All** is lit). This key is only active in Single- channel or Multiple-channel view.
Voltage lets you change the voltage setting of the selected channel.
Current lets you change the current setting of the selected channel.

Number keys



The 0 through 9 keys enter numbers. The (.) key is the decimal point.
The +/– key is only used to enter a minus sign.
The E key enters an exponent. Add the value to the right of the E.
The ⬅ backspace key deletes digits as it backspaces over them.
The ⬆ ⬇ arrow keys increment or decrement the voltage or current settings. They are also used to select letters in alphabetic entry fields.
The Enter key enters a value. If you exit a field without pressing the Enter key, the value is ignored.

Front Panel Menu Reference

NOTE Menu commands that appear grayed-out on the front panel are either not available for the power module, or are password protected.

Menu Command				Control Description
Output	**Voltage**			Programs voltage setting, limits, and ranges.
	Current			Programs current setting, limits, and ranges.
	Mode			Programs output priority mode on Models N678xA.
	Sequence	**Delay**		Programs Turn-on /Turn off delay.
		Couple		Couples output channels for output on/off synchronization.
	Advanced	**Slew**	**Voltage**	Programs voltage slew rate.
			Current	Programs current slew rate on Models N678xA.
		Power		Programs the power allocation function.
		Pol		Lets you reverse the polarity of the output and sense terminals.
		Resistance		Programs output resistance on Model N6781A.
		Bandwidth		Programs output voltage bandwidth on Models N678xA.
		Tmode		Programs output turn-on/turn-off impedance on Models N678xA.
Measure	**Range**			Selects voltage and current measurement range.
	Sweep			Specifies measurement points, time interval, and trigger offset.
	Window			Selects measurement window: Rectangular, Hanning.
	Input			Selects Auxiliary voltage measurements on Model N6781A
	Control			Lets you abort a measurement in progress.
Transient	**Mode**			Selects voltage or current transient mode: Fixed, Step, List.
	Step			Programs voltage and current step value. Enables step triggers.
	List	**Pace**		Specifies Dwell or Trigger paced list.
		Repeat		Specifies number of list repetitions, or specifies continuous list.
		Terminate		Specifies list settings when the list terminates.
		Config		Configures list step voltage, current, dwell, and trigger signals.
		Reset		Aborts the list and resets all list parameters.
	TrigSource			Specify the trigger source: Bus, Tran 1-4, Pin 1-7, Ext.
	Control			Initiates, Triggers, or Aborts output triggers. Displays trigger state.
Protect	**OVP**			Configures over-voltage protection function.
	OCP			Configures over-current protection function.
	Inhibit			Configures the external inhibit signal: Off, Latching, Live
	Coupling			Disables ALL output channels when a protection fault occurs.
	Wdog			Configures the output watchdog timer.
	Osc			Enables/disables oscillation protection on Models N678xA
	Clear			Clears output protection. Displays output state.
States	**Reset**			Resets the instrument to its reset (*RST) state.
	SaveRecall			Saves or recalls an instrument state.
	PowerOn			Selects the power-on state: *RST, RCL0.

Menu Command					Control Description
System	**IO**	**LAN**	**ActiveSettings**		Displays the LAN interface settings that are presently active.
			Config	**IP**	Configures the IP addressing of the instrument.
				Name	Configures the Dynamic DNS and NetBIOS naming service.
				Domain	Configures the Domain Name.
				DNS	Configures the DNS server.
				TCP	Configures the TCP keepalive function.
				Reset	Resets the LAN interface settings to the factory-shipped state.
		USB	**Status**		Displays status, speed, packets received, and packets sent.
			Identification		USB connect string - the instrument's unique USB identifier.
		GPIB			Selects the GPIB address.
		DigPort	**Pins**<1>	**Function**	Specifies the pin function: DigIn, DigIO, TrigIn, TrigOut, FaultOut.
			Pins<2>	**Function**	Specifies the pin function: DigIn, DigIO, TrigIn, TrigOut.
			Pins<3>	**Function**	Specifies the pin function: DigIn, DigIO, TrigIn, TrigOut, InhibitIn.
			Pins<4-7>	**Function**	Specifies the pin function: DigIn, DigIO, TrigIn, TrigOut, OnC, OffC.
			Pins<1-7>	**Polarity**	Specifies the pin polarity: Positive, Negative
			Data		Sends/reads data from the digital I/O port
	Groups				Defines groups of output channels that are connected in parallel.
	Preferences	**Display**	**Contrast**		Configures the display contrast.
			Saver		Configures the screen saver and wake-on I/O timer.
			View		Selects 1-channel or 4-channel view at turn-on
		Keys			Enables/disables key clicks and configures the On/Off key.
		Lock			Locks front panel keys. Enter a password to unlock the front panel.
	Admin	**Login/Logout**			Enter a password to access the admin functions.
		Cal	**Volt**	**Vprog**	Calibrates High and Low voltage ranges.
				Vlim	Calibrates voltage limit High and Low ranges
				Vmeas	Calibrates High, Low, and Aux voltage measurement ranges.
			Curr	**Iprog**	Calibrates High and Low current ranges.
				Ilim	Calibrates current limit.
				Imeas	Calibrates High and Low current measurement ranges.
			Misc	**CMRR**	Calibrates common mode rejection ratio.
				Dprog	Calibrates the downprogrammer.
				Ipeak	Calibrates I peak.
				Resistance	Calibrates output resistance High and Low ranges.
			Date		Saves the calibration date for each channel.
			Save		Saves the calibration data.
		LAN			Enables/disables the LAN interface and the built-in Web server.
		USB			Enables/disables the USB interface.
		Nvram			Resets all non-volatile RAM settings to their factory defaults.
		Password			Changes the password for the admin functions.
	About	**Frame**			Displays model, serial number, and firmware revisions.
		Module			Displays model, serial number, options, voltage, current, power.

SCPI Command Summary

Subsystem Commands

NOTE Some [optional] commands have been included for clarity. All settings commands have a corresponding query. Not all commands apply to all models.

SCPI Command	Description
ABORt	
:ACQuire (@chanlist)	Resets the measurement trigger system to the Idle state
:TRANsient (@chanlist)	Resets the transient trigger system to the Idle state
CALibrate	
:CURRent	
[:LEVel] <NRf>, (@channel)	Calibrates the output current programming
:LIMit	
:POSitive <NRf>, (@channel)	Calibrates the positive current limit (only on N678xA)
:MEASure <NRf>, (@channel)	Calibrates the current measurement
:PEAK (@channel)	Calibrates the peak current limit (only on N675xA, N676xA)
:DATA <NRf>	Enters the calibration value
:DATE <SPD>, (@channel)	Sets the calibration date
:DPRog (@channel)	Calibrates the current downprogrammer
:LEVel P1 | P2 | P3	Advances to the next calibration step
:PASSword <NRf>	Sets the numeric calibration password
:RESistance 20| 6, (@channel)	Calibrates the output resistance (only on N6781A)
:SAVE	Saves the new cal constants in non-volatile memory
:STATE <Bool> [,<NRf>]	Enables/disables calibration mode
:VOLTage	
[:LEVel] <NRf>, (@channel)	Calibrates the output voltage programming
:CMRR (@channel)	Calibrates common mode rejection ratio (only N675xA, N676xA)
:LIMit	
:POSitive <NRf>, (@channel)	Calibrates the positive voltage limit (only on N678xA)
:MEASure <NRf>, (@channel)	Calibrates the voltage measurement
:AUXiliary (@channel)	Calibrates the auxiliary voltage measurement (only on N6781A)
DISPlay	
[:WINDow]	
:CHANnel <NR1>	Selects the channel in 1-channel meter view
:VIEW METER1 | METER4	Selects 1-channel or 4-channel meter view
FETCh	(Fetch commands only on N676xA, N678xA, and Option 054)
[:SCALar]	
:CURRent	
[:DC]? (@chanlist)	Returns the DC current
:ACDC? (@chanlist)	Returns the total rms current (AC + DC)
:HIGH? (@chanlist)	Returns the high level of a current pulse
:LOW? (@chanlist)	Returns the low level of a current pulse
:MAXimum? (@chanlist)	Returns the maximum current
:MINimum? (@chanlist)	Returns the minimum current

SCPI Command	Description
FETCh[:SCALar] (continued)	
:VOLTage	
[:DC]? (@chanlist)	Returns the DC voltage
:ACDC? (@chanlist)	Returns the total rms voltage (AC + DC)
:HIGH? (@chanlist)	Returns the high level of a voltage pulse
:LOW? (@chanlist)	Returns the low level of a voltage pulse
:MAXimum? (@chanlist)	Returns the maximum voltage
:MINimum? (@chanlist)	Returns the minimum voltage
:ARRay	
:CURRent [:DC]? (@chanlist)	Returns the instantaneous output current
:VOLTage [:DC]? (@chanlist)	Returns the instantaneous output voltage
FORMat	
[:DATA] ASCII | REAL	Returns data as ASCII or binary
:BORDer NORMal | SWAPped	Sets the byte order of the external data log data
INITiate	
[:IMMediate]	(Acquire command only on N676xA, N678xA, and Option 054)
:ACQuire (@chanlist)	Enables the measurement system to receive triggers
:TRANsient (@chanlist)	Enables the output transient system to receive triggers
:CONTinuous	
:TRANsient <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables continuous transient triggers
MEASure	
[:SCALar]	
:CURRent	
[:DC]? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the dc current
:ACDC? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the total rms current (ac + dc)
:HIGH? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the high level of a current pulse
:LOW? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the low level of a current pulse
:MAXimum? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement, returns the maximum current
:MINimum? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement, returns the minimum current
:VOLTage	
[:DC]? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the dc voltage
:ACDC? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the total rms voltage (ac + dc)
:HIGH? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the high level of a voltage pulse
:LOW? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the low level of a voltage pulse
:MAXimum? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement, returns the maximum voltage
:MINimum? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement, returns the minimum voltage
:ARRay	(Array commands only on N676xA, N678xA, and Option 054)
:CURRent [:DC]? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the instantaneous output current
:VOLTage [:DC]? (@chanlist)	Takes a measurement; returns the instantaneous output voltage
OUTPut	
[:STATe] <Bool> [,NORelay], (@chanlist)	Enables/disables the specified output channel(s)
:COUPle	
[:STATe] <Bool>	Enables/disables channel coupling for output synchronization
:CHANNel [<NR1> {,<NR1>}]	Selects which channels are coupled
:DOFFset <NRf>	Specifies a maximum delay offset to synchronize output changes
:MODE AUTO | MANual	Specifies the output delay coupling mode
:MAX	
:DOFFset?	Returns the maximum delay offset required for a mainframe

SCPI Command	Description
OUTPut[:STATe] (continurd)	
:DELay	
:FALL <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output turn-off sequence delay
:RISE <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output turn-on sequence delay
:PMODe VOLTage | CURRent, (@chanlist)	Sets the mode for turn on/off transitions (only on N676xA)
:TMODe HIGHZ | LOWZ, (@chanlist)	Specifies the turn-on/turn-off impedance (only on N678xA)
:INHibit	
:MODE LATChing | LIVE | OFF	Sets the remote inhibit input
:PON	
:STATe RST | RCL0	Programs the power-on state
:PROTection	
:CLEar (@chanlist)	Resets latched protection
:COUPle <Bool>	Enables/disables channel coupling for protection faults
:DELay <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets over-current protection programming delay
:OSCillation <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables output oscillation protection (only on N678xA)
:WDOG	
[:STATe] <Bool>	Enables/disables the I/O watchdog timer
:DELay <NRf+>	Sets the watchdog timer delay
:RELay	
:POLarity NORMal | REVerse, (@chanlist)	Sets the output relay polarity (Option 760)
SENSe	
:CURRent	
:CCOMpensate <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables the capacitive current compensation
[:DC]:RANGe	
[:UPPer] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Selects the current measurement range
:AUTO <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables measurement autoranging (N6781A, N6782A)
:FUNCtion "VOLTage" | "CURRent" | "NONE", (@chanlist)	Selects the measurement function (for backward compatibility)
:CURRent <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables current measurements (replaces FUNCtion)
:VOLTage <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables voltage measurements (replaces FUNCtion)
:INPut MAIN | AUXiliary, (@chanlist)	Selects the voltage measurement input (only on N6781A)
:SWEep	(Sweep commands only on N676xA, N678xA, and Option 054)
:OFFSet	
:POINts <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Defines the trigger offset in the measurement sweep
:POINts <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Defines the number of data points in the measurement
:TINTerval <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the measurement sample interval
:VOLTage	
[:DC]:RANGe	
[:UPPer] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Selects the voltage measurement range
:AUTO <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables measurement autoranging (N6781A, N6782A)
:WINDow	
[:TYPE] HANNing | RECTangular, (@chanlist)	Selects the measurement window (N676xA, N678xA, Option 054)
[SOURce:]	
CURRent	
[:LEVel]	
[:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output current
:TRIGgered [:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the triggered output current
:LIMit	
[:POSitive]	
[:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the positive current limit (only on N678xA)
:COUPle <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Sets the current limit tracking state (only on N678xA)
:NEGative	
[:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the negative current limit (only on N678xA)

SCPI Command	Description
[SOURce:]CURRent (continued)	
:MODE FIXed | STEP | LIST, (@chanlist)	Sets the current trigger mode
:PROTection	
:DELay	
[:TIME] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the over-current protection programming delay
:STARt SCHange | CCTRans, (@chanlist)	Sets the over-current protection programming mode
:STATe <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables over-current protection on the selected output
:RANGe <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output current range
:SLEW	
[:IMMediate] <NRf+> | INFinity, (@chanlist)	Sets the output current slew rate (only N678xA)
:MAXimum <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables the maximum slew rate override (only N678xA)
DIGital	
:INPut:DATA?	Reads the state of the digital port pins
:OUTPut:DATA <NRf>	Sets the digital port
:PIN<1-7>	
:FUNCtion DIO | DINPut | TOUTput | TINPut | FAULt | INHibit | ONCouple | OFFCouple	Sets the selected pin's function
:POLarity POSitive | NEGative	Sets the selected pin's polarity
:TOUTput	
:BUS[:ENABle] <Bool>	Enables/disables BUS-generated triggers on digital pins
FUNction CURRent | VOLTage, (@chanlist)	Specifies current priority or voltage priority mode (only N678xA)
LIST	(List commands only on N676xA, N678xA, and Option 054)
:COUNt <NRf+> | INFinity, (@chanlist)	Sets the list repeat count
:CURRent	
[:LEVel] <NRf> {,<NRf>}, (@chanlist)	Sets the current list
:POINts? (@chanlist)	Returns the number of current list points
:DWELl <NRf> {,<NRf>}, (@chanlist)	Sets the list of dwell times
:POINts? (@chanlist)	Returns the number of dwell list points
:STEP ONCE | AUTO, (@chanlist)	Specifies how the list responds to triggers
:TERMinate	
:LAST <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Sets the list termination mode
:TOUTput	
:BOSTep	
[:DATA] <Bool> {,<Bool>}, (@chanlist)	Generate triggers at the Beginning Of Step
:POINts? (@chanlist)	Returns the number of beginning of step list points
:EOSTep	
[:DATA] <Bool> {,<Bool>}, (@chanlist)	Generate triggers at the End Of Step
:POINts? (@chanlist)	Returns the number of end of step list points
:VOLTage	
[:LEVel] <NRf> {,<NRf>}, (@chanlist)	Sets the voltage list
:POINts? (@chanlist)	Returns the number of voltage level points
POWer	
:LIMit <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the power limit on output channels
RESistance	
[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output resistance (only on N6781A)
:STATe <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables output resistance programming (only N6781A)
STEP	
:TOUTput <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Generate a trigger output on the voltage or current step transient
VOLTage	
[:LEVel]	
[:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output voltage
:TRIGgered [:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the triggered output voltage

SCPI Command	Description
[SOURce:]VOLTage (continued)	
:BWIDth LOW | HIGH1 | HIGH2 | HIGH3, (@chanlist)	Sets the voltage bandwidth (only on N678xA)
:LIMit	
[:POSitive]	
[:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the positive voltage limit (only on N678xA)
:COUPle <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Sets the voltage limit tracking state (only on N6784A)
:NEGative	
[:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the negative voltage limit (only on N6784A)
:MODE FIXed | STEP | LIST, (@chanlist)	Sets the voltage trigger mode
:PROTection	
[:LEVel] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the over-voltage protection level
:REMote	
[:POSitive][:LEVel] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the positive over-voltage remote protection level (N678xA)
:NEGative[:LEVel] <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the negative over-voltage remote protection level (N6784A)
:TRACking	
[:STATe] <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables tracking OVP (only on Option J01)
:OFFSet <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the tracking OVP offset (only on Option J01)
:RANGe <NRf+>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output voltage range
:SLEW	
[:IMMediate] <NRf+> | INFinity, (@chanlist)	Sets the output voltage slew rate
:MAXimum <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables/disables the maximum slew rate override
STATus	
:OPERation	
[:EVENt]? (@chanlist)	Returns the value of the operation event register
:CONDition? (@chanlist)	Returns the value of the operation condition register
:ENABle <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Enables specific bits in the Event register
:NTRansition <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Sets the Negative transition filter
:PTRansition <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Sets the Positive transition filter
:PRESet	Presets all enable and transition registers to power-on
:QUEStionable	
[:EVENt]? (@chanlist)	Returns the value of the questionable event register
:CONDition? (@chanlist)	Returns the value of the questionable condition register
:ENABle <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Enables specific bits in the Event register
:NTRansition <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Sets the Negative transition filter
:PTRansition <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Sets the Positive transition filter
SYSTem	
:CHANnel	
[:COUNt]?	Returns the number of output channels in a mainframe
:MODel? (@chanlist)	Returns the model number of the selected channel
:OPTion? (@chanlist)	Returns the option installed in the selected channel
:SERial? (@chanlist)	Returns the serial number of the selected channel
:COMMunicate	
:RLSTate LOCal | REMote | RWLock	Specifies the Remote/Local state of the instrument
:TCPip	
:CONTrol?	Returns the control connection port number
:ERRor?	Returns the error number and error string
:GROup	(Group commands do NOT apply to N678xA)
:CATalog?	Returns the groups that have been defined
:DEFine (@chanlist)	Group multiple channels to create a single output
:DELete <channel>	Removes the specified channel from a group
:ALL	Ungroups all channels

SCPI Command	Description
SYSTem (continued)	
:PASSword	
:FPANel:RESet	Resets the front panel lock password to zero
:REBoot	Returns the unit to its power-on state
:VERSion?	Returns the SCPI version number
TRIGger	
:ACQuire	(Acquire commands only on N676xA, N678xA, and Option 054)
[:IMMediate] (@chanlist)	Triggers the measurement immediately
:CURRent	
[:LEVel] <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Sets the current trigger level
:SLOPe POSitive | NEGative, (@chanlist)	Sets the current trigger slope
:SOURce BUS | CURRent<1-4> | EXTernal | PIN<1-7> | TRANsient<1-4> | VOLTage<1-4>, (@chanlist)	Sets the measurement trigger source
:TOUTput	
[:ENABle] <Bool>, (@chanlist)	Enables measurement triggers to be sent to a digital port pin
:VOLTage	
[:LEVel] <NRf>, (@chanlist)	Sets the voltage trigger level
:SLOPe POSitive | NEGative, (@chanlist)	Sets the voltage trigger slope
:TRANsient	
[:IMMediate] (@chanlist)	Triggers the output immediately
:SOURce BUS | EXTernal | IMMediate | PIN<1-7> | TRANsient<1-4>, (@chanlist)	Sets the output trigger source

Common Commands

Command	Description	Command	Description
*CLS	Clear status	*RST	Reset
*ESE <NRf>	Standard event status enable	*SAV <NRf>	Saves an instrument state
*ESR?	Return event status register	*SRE <NRf>	Set service request enable register
*IDN?	Return instrument identification	*STB?	Return status byte
*OPC	Enable "operation complete" bit in ESR	*TRG	Trigger
*OPT?	Return option number	*TST?	Performs self-test, then returns result
*RCL <NRf>	Recalls a saved instrument state	*WAI	Pauses additional command processing
*RDT?	Return output channel descriptions		until all device commands are done

*RST Settings

These settings are set by the *RST (Reset) command			
CAL:STAT	OFF	RES	0
CURR	0.08 or MIN	RES:STAT	OFF
CURR:LIM	MAX	SENS:CURR:CCOM	ON
CURR:LIM:COUP	ON	SENS:CURR:RANG	MAX
CURR:LIM:NEG	MIN	SENS:CURR:RANG:AUTO	OFF
CURR:MODE	FIX	SENS:FUNC	"VOLT"
CURR:PROT:DEL	0.02	SENS:FUNC:CURR	OFF
CURR:PROT:DEL:STAR	SCH	SENS:FUNC:VOLT	ON
CURR:PROT:STAT	OFF	SENS:FUNC:VOLT:INP	MAIN
CURR:RANG	MAX	SENS:SWE:POIN	1024
CURR:SLEW	9.9E+37	SENS:SWE:OFFS:POIN	0
CURR:SLEW:MAX	ON	SENS:SWE:TINT	20.48E–6
CURR:TRIG	MIN	SENS:VOLT:RANG	MAX
DIG:OUTP:DATA	0	SENS:VOLT:RANG:AUTO	OFF
DISP:VIEW	METER1	SENS:WIND	RECT
INIT:CONT:TRAN	OFF	STEP:TOUT	FALSE
LIST:COUN	1	TRIG:ACQ:CURR	MIN
LIST:CURR	MIN	TRIG:ACQ:CURR:SLOP	POS
LIST:DWEL	0.001	TRIG:ACQ:SOUR	BUS
LIST:STEP	AUTO	TRIG:ACQ:TOUT	OFF
LIST:TERM:LAST	OFF	TRIG:ACQ:VOLT	MIN
LIST:TOUT:BOST	OFF	TRIG:ACQ:VOLT:SLOP	POS
LIST:TOUT:EOST	OFF	TRIG:TRAN:SOUR	BUS
LIST:VOLT	MIN	VOLT	MIN
OUTP	OFF	VOLT:BWID	LOW
OUTP:COUP	OFF	VOLT:LIM	MAX
OUTP:DEL:FALL	0	VOLT:LIM:COUP	ON
OUTP:DEL:RISE	0	VOLT:LIM:NEG	MIN
OUTP:PMOD	VOLT	VOLT:MODE	FIX
OUTP:TMOD	LOWZ	VOLT:PROT:REM	MAX
OUTP:PROT:COUP	OFF	VOLT:PROT:REM:NEG	MIN
OUTP:PROT:DEL	0.02	VOLT:RANG	MAX
OUTP:PROT:OSC	ON	VOLT:SLEW	9.9E+37
OUTP:PROT:WDOG	OFF	VOLT:SLEW:MAX	ON
OUTP:REL:POL	NORM	[SOUR:]VOLT:TRIG	MIN
POW:LIM	MAX		

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This chapter describes how to install your power system. It discusses rack mounting and line cord connections.

This chapter also discusses how to connect your load to the output terminals. It discusses what you need to know about wire sizes and how to compensate for voltage drops in the load leads. It describes various loads configurations and how to connect the output terminals in series and parallel.

Before installing the instrument, check the list under “Items Supplied” and verify that you have received these items with your instrument. If anything is missing, please contact your nearest Agilent Sales and Support Office.

General Information

Models

Agilent Model	Description
N6700B / N6701A / N6702A	400 W / 600 W / 1200W MPS Mainframe - without DC Power Modules
N6781A, N6782A, N6784A	20 W Source/Measure DC Power Module
N6761A / N6762A	50 W / 100 W Precision DC Power Module
N6751A / N6752A	50 W / 100 W High-Performance Autoranging DC Power Module
N6753A / N6754A	300 W 20V / 60V High-Performance Autoranging DC Power Module
N6731B / N6741B	50 W / 100 W 5 V DC Power Module
N6732B / N6742B	50 W / 100 W 8 V DC Power Module
N6733B / N6743B / N6773A	50 W / 100 W / 300 W 20 V DC Power Module
N6734B / N6744B / N6774A	50 W / 100 W / 300 W 35 V DC Power Module
N6735B / N6745B / N6775A	50 W / 100 W / 300 W 60 V DC Power Module
N6736B / N6746B / N6776A	50 W / 100 W / 300 W 100 V DC Power Module

Items Supplied

Item	Description	Part Number
Power Cord	A power cord suitable for your location. Shipped w/mainframe.	Call Agilent Sales & Support Office
Ferrite Core	Installs on power cord to reduce common mode currents.	Agilent 9170-2131
Digital Connector plug	One 8-pin connector for connecting signal lines to the digital port. Shipped with mainframe.	Agilent 1253-6408 Phoenix Contact MC 1,5/8-ST-3,5
Product Reference CD-ROM	Includes drivers and documentation. Shipped with mainframe.	Agilent 5969-2914
Automation-Ready CD-ROM	Contains Agilent IO Libraries Suite. Shipped with mainframe.	Agilent E2094N
T-10 Torx tool	Torx tool for installing or removing power modules.	Agilent 8710-2416
8A Output Connector plug	One 8A, 8-pin connector plug for connecting power and sense leads. Only used in N678xA.	Agilent 1253-6408 Phoenix Contact MC 1,5/8-ST-3,5
12 A Output Connector plug	One 12A, 4-pin connector plug for connecting power and sense leads. Used in all except N6731B, N6741B, N6754A, N6773A.	Agilent 1253-5826 Phoenix Contact MSTB 2,5/4-STF
20 A Output Connector plug	One 20A, 4-pin connector plug for connecting power and sense leads. Only used in N6731B, N6741B, N6754A, N6773A.	Agilent 1253-6211 Phoenix Contact PC 4/4-ST-7,62
50 A Output Connector plug	One 50A, 2-pin connector plug for connecting power leads. Only used in N6753A.	Agilent 1253-7187 Molex 39422-0002
AUX Measurement connector plug	A 2-pin connector plug for connecting the auxiliary measurement inputs. Only used in N6781A.	Agilent 1253-8485 Phoenix Contact FMC 1,5/2-ST-3,5
Small Sense Jumpers	Two small jumpers for local sensing at the output connector. Used in all except N6731B, N6741B, N6754A, N6773A.	Agilent 8120-8821 Phoenix Contact EPB 2-5(1733169)
Large Sense Jumpers	Two large jumpers for local sensing at the output connector. Only used in N6731B, N6741B, N6754A, N6773A.	Agilent 0360-2935 Phoenix Contact 3118151
Sense Connector	A 4-pin connector for connecting sense leads. Wires (p/n 5185-8847) are used for local sensing. Only used in N6753A.	Agilent 1253-5830 Phoenix Contact MC 1,5/4-ST-3,5
Module Cal. Certificate	A certificate of calibration referenced to the serial number.	N/A

Options

Option	Description
0L1	Manual Set. Contains User's Guide and Service Guide. Also available as part number 5969-2939.
054	High-speed Test Extensions. Includes digitized output measurements and output list capability. Available for Agilent Models N675xA. Included with Agilent Models N676xA.
760	Output disconnect/polarity reversal. Disconnects the + and – output and sense terminals. Switches the + and – output and sense polarities. Not available on N6741B, N6751A N6752A, N676xA or N678xA.
761	Output disconnect. Disconnects + and – output and sense terminals. Available for all power modules.
908	Rack Mount Kit. For mounting in a 19-inch EIA rack cabinet. Also available as Model N6709A.
FLR	Filler module. For mainframes with less than four power modules. Also available as Model N6708A.
2UA	200 µA measurement range with output disconnect relays. Only available on Agilent Models N676xA.
J01	Tracking overvoltage protection function. Only available on Models N6752A, N6754A, and N6762A

Inspecting the Unit

When you receive your power system, inspect it for any obvious damage that may have occurred during shipment. If there is damage, notify the shipping carrier and nearest Agilent Sales and Support Office immediately. Refer to www.agilent.com/find/assist.

Until you have checked out the power system, save the shipping carton and packing materials in case the unit has to be returned. Check the list under "Items Supplied" and verify that you have received these items with your instrument. If anything is missing, please contact your nearest Agilent Sales and Support Office.

Installing the Unit

Safety Considerations

This power system is a Safety Class 1 instrument, which means it has a protective earth terminal. That terminal must be connected to earth ground through a power source equipped with a ground receptacle.

Refer to the Safety Summary page at the beginning of this guide for general safety information. Before installation or operation, check the power system and review this guide for safety warnings and instructions. Safety warnings for specific procedures are located at appropriate places throughout this Guide.

Environment

WARNING **Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gasses or fumes**

The environmental conditions of the instrument are documented in Appendix A. Basically, the instrument should only be operated indoors in a controlled environment.

The dimensions of your instrument as well as an outline diagram are given in Appendix A. A fan cools the power system by drawing air through the sides and exhausting it out the side and back. The instrument must be installed in a location that allows sufficient space at the sides and back of the unit for adequate air circulation.

Rack Installation

CAUTION **You cannot use support rails for rack mounting your instrument.**
Support rails would block the airflow needed for cooling.
Use Rack Mount kit (Option 908) to rack mount your instrument.
The Rack Mount Kit is also available by ordering part number N6709A.

Agilent N6700 MPS mainframes can be mounted in a 19-inch EIA rack cabinet. They are designed to fit in one rack-unit (1U) of space. Do not block the air intake and exhaust at the sides of the unit, or the exhaust at the rear of the unit.

Tools required: Phillips driver, T22 Torx driver, T10 Torx driver

Step 1. Install eight clip-nuts on the rack frame (2 in each corner) where your instrument will be located.

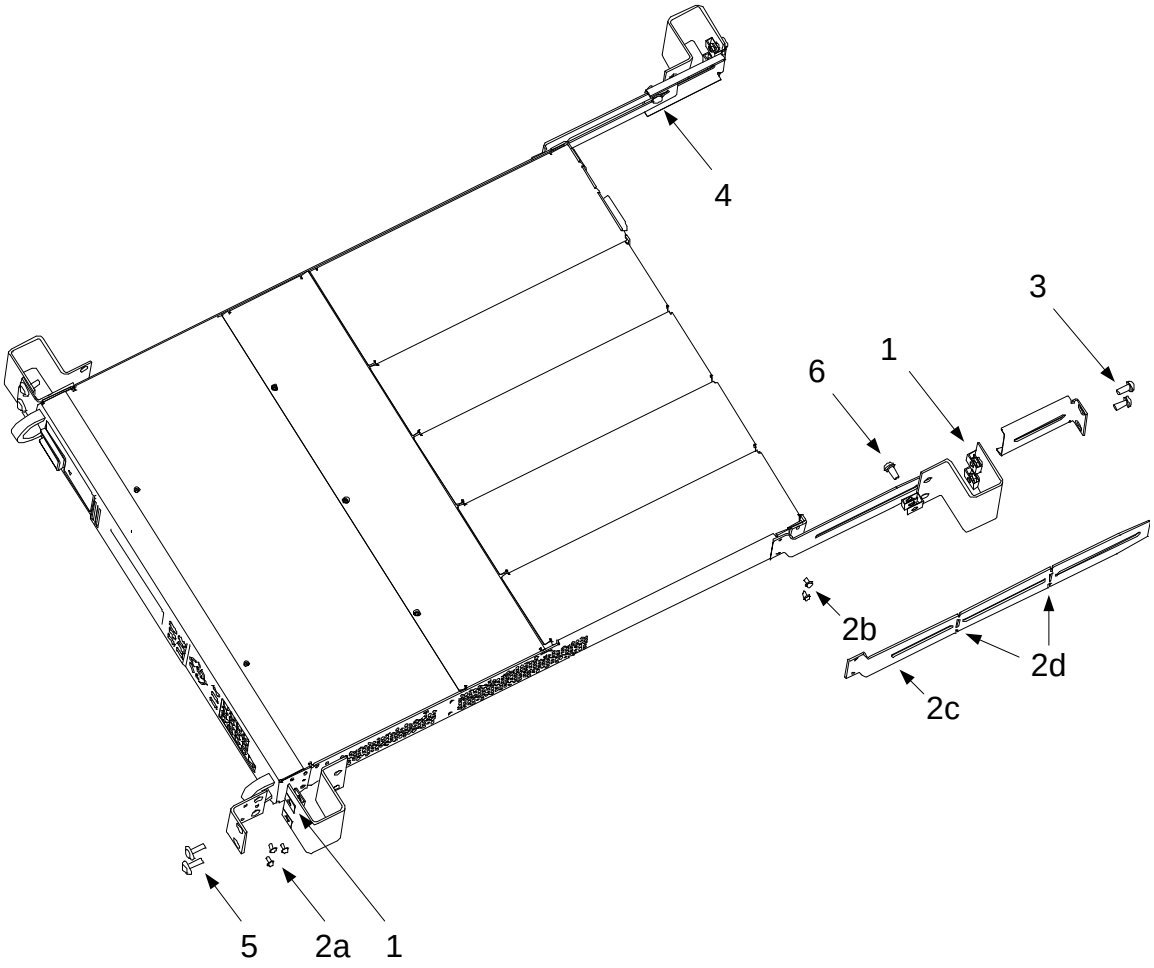
Step 2. Install the two front ears and the two rear extender supports on the instrument as shown in the figure. Use six M3 x 8mm screws (a) for the front ears and four M3 x 6mm screws (b) for the extender supports. If the standard extender supports are either too short or too long, use the longer supports (c). Cut the supports if required (d).

Step 3. Install the two rear ears on the back of the instrument rack as shown in the figure. Use four plain 10-32 screws to install the rear ears.

Step 4. Slide the instrument into the rack. making sure that the rear extender supports are aligned inside the rear ears.

Step 5. Attach the front ears to the front of the instrument rack using the four dress 10-32 screws provided.

Step 6. This is optional. Insert a plain 10-32 screw through the slot of the rear ear and extender support. Attach it with a clip-nut. Note that this will prevent the unit from being slid out of the front of the rack.



Bench Installation

CAUTION **Do not block the air intake and exhaust at the sides, or the exhaust at the rear of the unit. Refer to the outline diagram in Appendix A.**

Minimum clearances for bench operation are 2 inches (51 mm) along the sides and back.

Channel Number

The channel number of a power module is determined by the location of that module in the mainframe. When viewed from the rear, the module next to the GPIB connector is always output channel one. Numbering continues sequentially to the left, from one to four.

If there are less than four modules, channel numbering corresponds to the actual number of installed power modules. Unused channel slots must contain filler modules to ensure proper airflow for cooling.

Double-wide power modules are assigned the channel number of the lowest numbered slot in which is installed. For example, if a double-wide module is installed in slots 3 and 4, it is assigned channel number 3.

NOTE Power modules that are connected in parallel and have been configured or grouped to act as a single, higher-power channel are addressed using the channel number of the **lowest** channel in the group.

400 Hz Operation

Redundant Ground Requirement

At 400 Hz AC input operation, the leakage current of the unit exceeds 3.5 mA. This requires the installation of a permanent, redundant ground from the instrument chassis to earth ground. This ensures that ground will always be connected and that any leakage current will be diverted to ground. Refer to the Service Guide for installation instructions.

Power Factor

At 400 Hz AC input operation, the unit's power factor is affected as follows:

- Under full load at 400 Hz, power factor drops from 0.99 (@120 VAC) to as low as 0.76 (@ 265 VAC).
- Power factor degrades further under no load conditions.

Cleaning

WARNING **SHOCK HAZARD To prevent electric shock, unplug the unit before cleaning.**

Use a dry cloth or one slightly dampened with water to clean the external case parts. Do not attempt to clean internally.

Connecting the Line Cord

WARNING **FIRE HAZARD Use only the power cord that was supplied with your instrument. Using other types of power cords may cause overheating of the power cord, resulting in fire.**

SHOCK HAZARD The power cord provides a chassis ground through a third conductor. Be certain that your power outlet is of the three-conductor type with the correct pin connected to earth ground.

Connect the power cord to the IEC 320 connector on the rear of the unit. If the wrong power cord was shipped with your unit, contact your nearest Agilent Sales and Support Office.

The AC input on the back of your unit is a universal AC input. It accepts nominal line voltages in the range of 100 VAC to 240 VAC. The frequency can be 50 Hz, 60 Hz, or 400 Hz.

Agilent N6702A Mainframe Note: Standard AC mains circuits rated at nominal 100-120 VAC cannot supply enough current to power the N6702A mainframe when it is operated at its full rated power. Nevertheless, the N6702A can be connected to an AC mains circuit rated at nominal 100-120 VAC. In this case, internal circuits will limit the power available to modules to 600 W. As a result of this power limiting, the current drawn from the AC mains will be < 15 A, so that standard 100-120 VAC AC mains circuits will not be overloaded.

NOTE The detachable power cord may be used as an emergency disconnecting device. Removing the power cord will disconnect AC input power to the unit.

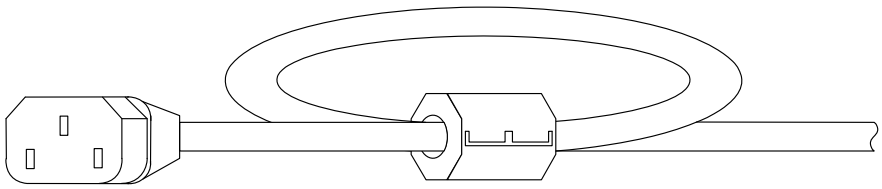
Snap-On Ferrite Core

Installing the ferrite core is only necessary if you are connecting highly sensitive loads to the output of the power system. The purpose of the ferrite core is to reduce the possibility of common mode current spikes appearing at the output of the power system when AC power is switched on or off.

Additional measures to protect sensitive loads from common mode currents are discussed under “Protecting Sensitive Loads from AC Power Switching Transients” later in this chapter.

Installation

- Locate the core anywhere along the length of the cord.
- Pass the power cord through the core twice.
- Close the core.



Connecting the Outputs

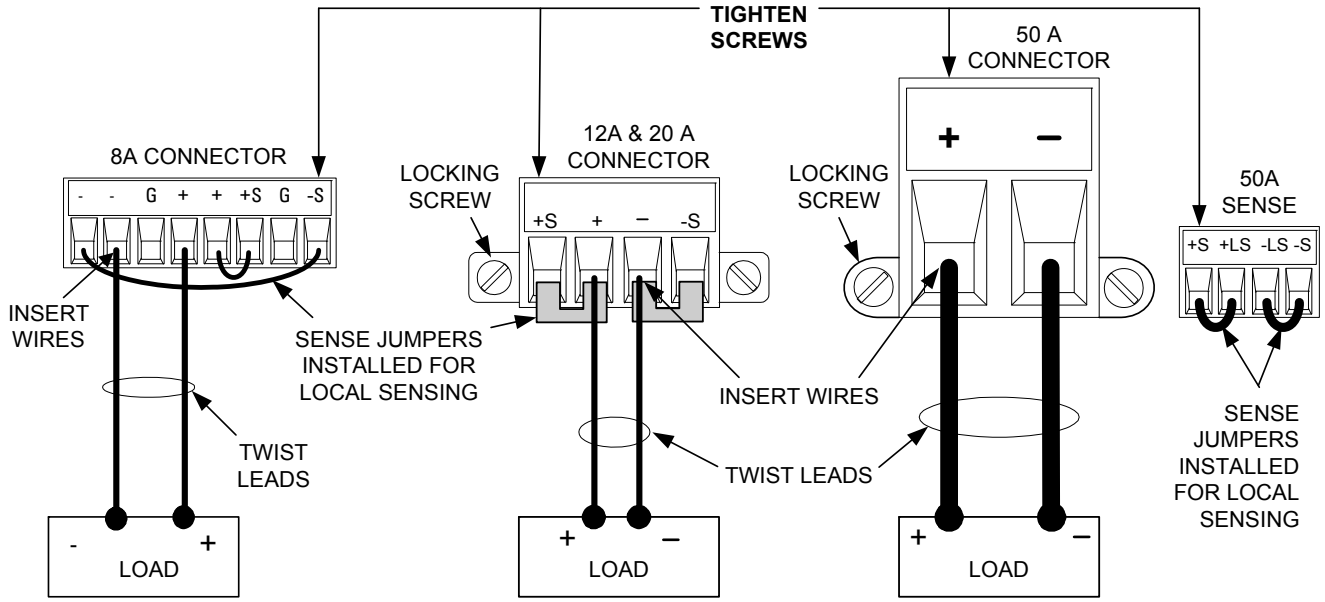
WARNING **SHOCK HAZARD Turn off AC power before making rear panel connections. All wires and straps must be properly connected with the terminal block screws securely tightened.**

Disconnect the connector plug to make your wire connections. The 8A connector plug accepts wires sizes from AWG 14 to AWG 30. The 12A connector plug accepts wires sizes from AWG 12 to AWG 30. The 20A connector plug accepts wires sizes from AWG 10 to AWG 24. The 50A connector plug accepts wires sizes from AWG 6 to AWG 20. Wire sizes smaller than AWG 20 are not recommended. Connect the load wires to the + and - terminals. Connect the sense wires to the +s and -s terminals. Sense jumpers are provided for local sensing.

Securely fasten all wires by tightening the screw terminals. Insert the connector plug into the back of the unit. Secure the 12 A and 50 A connector by tightening the locking screws. A chassis ground binding post is located next to the AC input connector for ground connections.

Part number information for all connector plugs is provided under "Items Supplied" at the beginning of this chapter.

CAUTION On power modules with the 50A sense connector, the +LS and –LS terminals are ONLY used for local sense connections as illustrated. Do not connect these terminals in any other way.



Wire Size

WARNING **FIRE HAZARD Select a wire size large enough to carry short-circuit current without overheating (refer to the table below). To satisfy safety requirements, load wires must be heavy enough not to overheat while carrying the short-circuit output current of the unit. Agilent Model N678xA wiring requirements are described on the following page.**

Along with conductor temperature, you must also consider voltage drop when selecting wire sizes. The following table lists the resistance for various wire sizes and the maximum lengths to limit the voltage drop to 1.0 V per lead for various currents.

Note that the minimum wire size required to prevent overheating may not be large enough to prevent over-voltage tripping or maintain good regulation. Under most conditions, the load wires should also be heavy enough to limit the voltage drop to no more than l.0 V per lead.

To help prevent nuisance tripping of the over-voltage circuit, select a wire size sufficient to handle the FULL output current of the unit no matter what the intended load current or current limit setting

Load lead resistance is also an important factor relating to the CV stability of the instrument when remote sensing capacitive loads. If high capacitance loads are expected, you should not use wire gauges heavier than 12 to 14 AWG for long runs of load lead.

Wire size	Current-carrying capacity in Amps for stranded copper wire		Resistance	Max. Length to Limit Voltage to 1 V/Lead			
				for 5 A	for 10 A	for 20A	for 50 A
AWG	**2 wires bundled**	**4 wires bundled**	**Ω/foot**	**Wire length in feet**			
20	7.8	6.9	0.0102	20	x	x	x
18	14.5	12.8	0.0064	30	15	x	x
16	18.2	16.1	0.0040	50	25	x	x
14	29.3	25.9	0.0025	80	40	20	x
12	37.6	33.2	0.0016	125	63	30	x
10	51.7	45.7	0.0010	200	100	50	20
8	70.5	62.3	0.0006	320	160	80	32
6	94	83	0.0004	504	252	126	50
Area in mm²	**2 wires bundled**	**4 wires bundled**	**Ω/meter**	**Wire length in meters**			
0.5	7.8	6.9	0.0401	5	x	x	x
0.75	9.4	8.3	0.0267	7.4	x	x	x
1	12.7	11.2	0.0200	10	5	x	x
1.5	15.0	13.3	0.0137	14.6	7.2	x	x
2.5	23.5	20.8	0.0082	24.4	12.2	6.1	x
4	30.1	26.6	0.0051	39.2	19.6	9.8	3.9
6	37.6	33.2	0.0034	58	29	14.7	5.9
10	59.2	52.3	0.0020	102	51	25	10.3

Notes: 1. Capacity for AWG wires derived from MIL-W-5088B. Max. ambient temp: 55°C. Max. wire temp: 105°C.
2. Capacity for metric wires are derived from IE Publication 335-1.
3. Capacity of aluminum wire is approximately 84% of that listed for copper wire.
4. “x” indicates wire is not rated for the maximum output current of the power module.
5. Because of wire inductance considerations, it is also recommended that you keep your load leads twisted, tie wrapped, or bundled together and less than 50 feet (14.7 meters) in length per lead.

Agilent N678xA Wire Length Requirements

NOTE Because of the effect of wire inductance, the wire length information given in the previous table does not apply to Agilent Models N678xA.

To minimize the effect of wire inductance, the following table describes the allowable load lead and wire length for several common output wire types. Using longer (or shorter) wire lengths than those indicated in the table may cause output oscillation.

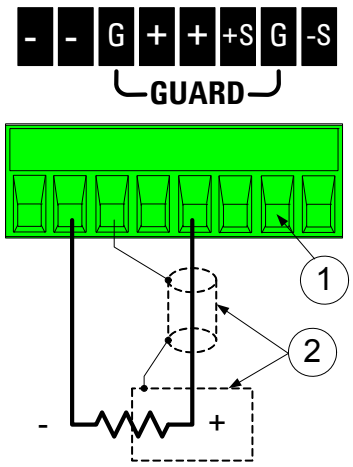
	To module connector	
Cable Type	**Length in feet**	**Length in meters**
Twisted pair (AWG 14 or smaller)	1 to 4.25 ft	0.3 to 1.3 m
50 ohm coaxial (RG-58)	2 to 10 ft	0.6 to 3 m
10 ohm coaxial (inductance per cable foot ≤ 32 nH)	8.5 to 33 ft	2 to 10 m

Guard Connection

The purpose of a cable guard is to eliminate the effects of leakage current that can exist in the current path of the external test circuit. The cable guard can be used when the test fixture requires guarding and the power system is sourcing or measuring DC currents under 1 µA. Without a guard, leakage currents in the test circuit could affect the accuracy of the micro-amp measurements. Guarding is generally not required when measuring currents 1 µA and greater.

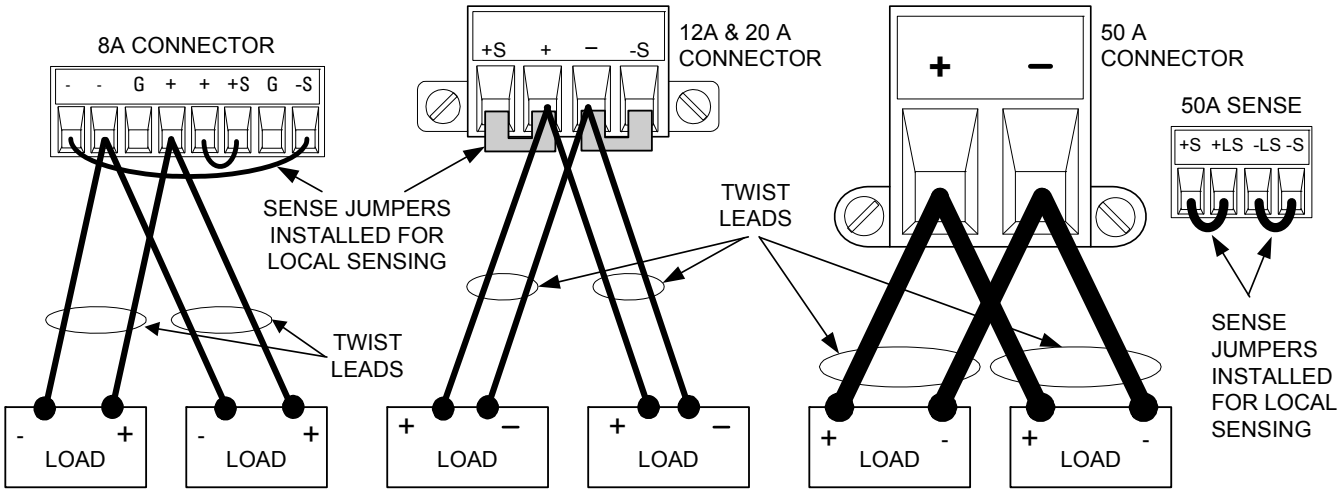
As shown below, cable guards are available at the internal module connector of Agilent Models N678xA. The guard is typically used to drive the shields of cables and test fixtures. It provides a buffered voltage that is at the same potential as the + output terminals of the module connector. The guard current is limited to about 300 µA.

1. N678xA connector
2. Guard shield (can be the shield of a coaxial cable)



Multiple Loads

If you are using local sensing and are connecting multiple loads to one output, connect each load to the output terminals using separate connecting wires as shown in the following figure.



This minimizes mutual coupling effects and takes full advantage of the power system's low output impedance. Keep each pair of wires as short as possible and twist or bundle them to reduce lead inductance and noise pickup.

Note that Agilent Models N678xA have additional wiring restrictions as discussed under “Agilent N678xA Wire Length Requirements”.

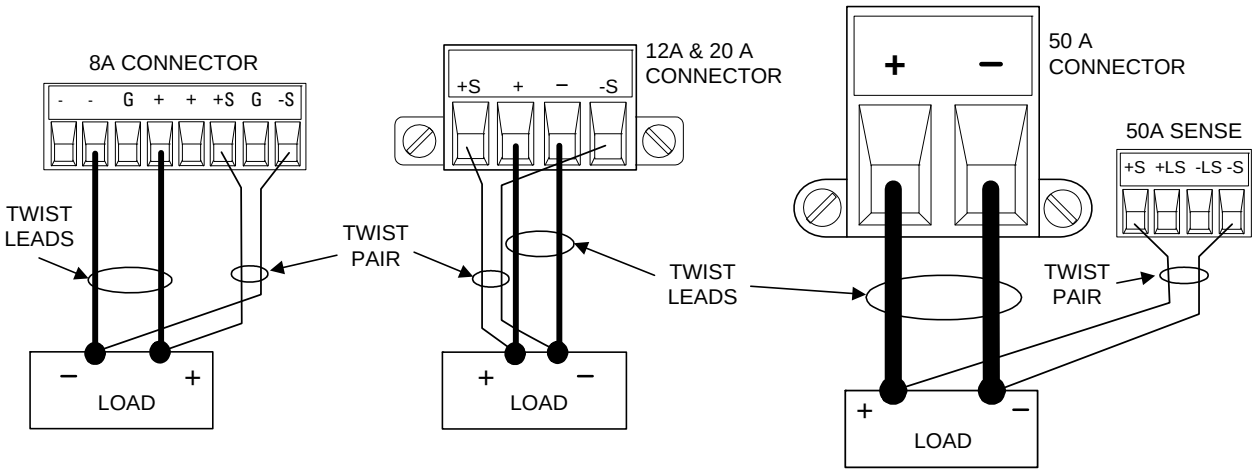
If load considerations require the use of distribution terminals that are located away from the instrument, connect the output terminals to the remote distribution terminals by a pair of twisted or bundled wires. Connect each load to the distribution terminals separately. Remote voltage sensing is recommended under these circumstances. Sense either at the remote distribution terminals or, if one load is more sensitive than the others, directly at the critical load.

Remote Sense Connections

WARNING **SHOCK HAZARD Turn off AC power before making or changing rear panel connections.**

Remote sensing improves the voltage regulation at the load by monitoring the voltage there instead of at the output terminals. This allows the power system to automatically compensate for the voltage drop in the load leads. Remote sensing is especially useful for CV operation with load impedances that vary or have significant lead resistance. It has no effect during CC operation. Because sensing is independent of other power system functions, remote sensing can be used regardless of how the power system is programmed.

Connect the unit for remote sensing by first disconnecting the straps between sense and load terminals. Make your connections as shown in the following figure. Connect the load to the output terminals using separate connecting wires. Keep the wire-pair as short as possible and twist or bundle it to reduce lead inductance and noise pickup. Keep load leads under 14.7 meters (50 feet) per lead because of inductance effects.



Connect the sense leads as close to the load as possible. Do NOT bundle the sense wire-pair together with the load leads; keep the load wires and sense wires separate. Note that the sense leads carry only a few milliamperes of current and can be a lighter gauge than the load leads. However, note that any voltage drop in the sense leads can degrade the voltage regulation of the instrument. Try to keep the sense lead resistance less than about 0.5Ω per lead (this requires 20 AWG or heavier for a 50 foot length).

Note that Agilent Models N678xA require remote sensing when using any of the High output bandwidth modes discussed in Chapter 4. Also, these models have additional wiring restrictions as discussed under “Agilent N678xA Wiring Requirements”.

CAUTION When remote sensing on power modules with the 50A sense connector, do not connect the +LS and –LS terminals. These are dedicated for local sensing only.

Open Sense Leads

The sense leads are part of the output's feedback path. Connect them in such a way so that they do not inadvertently become open circuited. The power system includes protection resistors that reduce the effect of open sense leads during remote-sensing operation. If the sense leads open during operation, the power system returns to the local sensing mode, with the voltage at the output terminals approximately 1% higher than the programmed value.

Over-voltage Protection Considerations

The OVP circuit senses at the main output terminals and not through the sense terminals. Due to the voltage drop in the load leads, the voltage sensed by the OVP circuit could be higher than the voltage being regulated at the load. Therefore, you must take into account the additional voltage drop in the load leads when setting the over-voltage trip point.

Note that for Agilent Models N678xA only, the OVP circuit senses at the 4-wire sense terminals rather than at the output terminals. This allows for more precise overvoltage monitoring directly at the load. Since incorrect sense terminal wiring could defeat this feature, there is also a backup local OVP function.

The local OVP function tracks the programmed OVP setting and trips if the voltage at the + and - output terminals rises more than 1.5 V above the programmed OVP setting. The local OVP also trips if the voltage at the + and - output terminals exceeds 7.5 V on the 6 V range and 21.5 V on the 20 V range.

Output Noise Considerations

Any noise picked up on the sense leads will appear at the output terminals and may adversely affect CV load regulation. Twist the sense leads or use a ribbon cable to minimize the pickup of external noise. In extremely noisy environments it may be necessary to shield the sense leads. Ground the shield at the power system end only; do not use the shield as one of the sensing conductors.

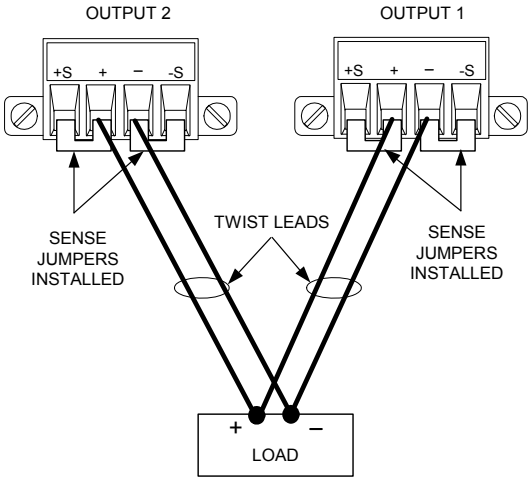
The noise specifications in Appendix A apply at the output terminals when using local sensing. However, voltage transients may be produced at the load by noise induced in the leads or by load current transients acting on the inductance and resistance of the load lead. If it is desirable to keep voltage transient levels to a minimum, place an aluminum or tantalum capacitor, with an approximate value of 10 μF per foot (30.5 cm) of load lead, right across the load.

Parallel Connections

CAUTION Only connect outputs that have identical voltage and current ratings in parallel. Agilent Models N678xA cannot be connected in parallel.

Connecting outputs in parallel provides a greater current capability than can be obtained from a single output.

The following figures show how to connect two outputs in parallel. The figure on the left illustrates local sensing. If voltage drop in the load leads is a concern, the figure on the right shows how to connect the sense leads directly at the load. Note that in both cases, the remote sense terminals must be connected together.



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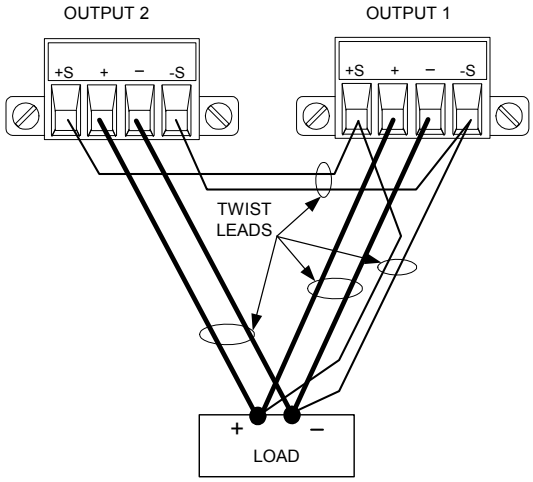

WITH REMOTE SENSING

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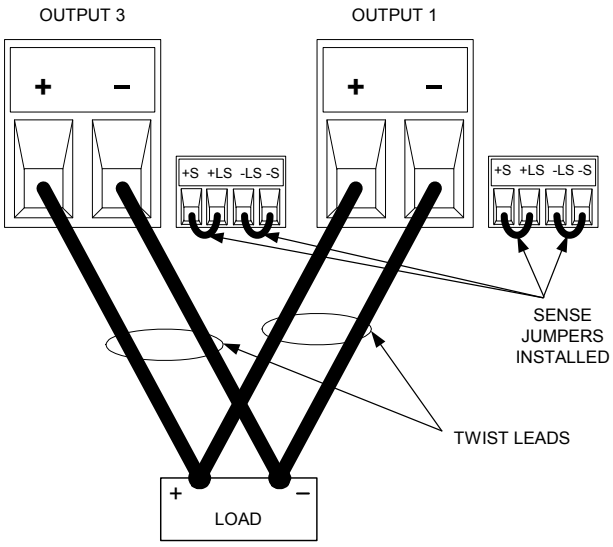

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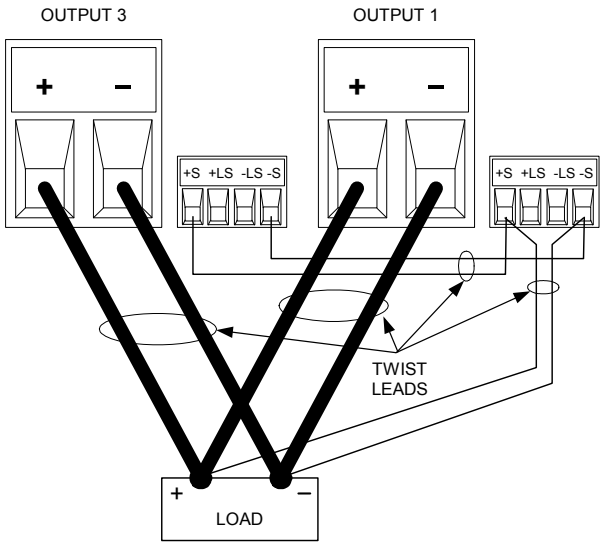

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Grouping the Outputs

Once outputs have been connected in parallel, they can be configured or “grouped” to act as a single, higher-power channel. This applies when programming via the front panel or using SCPI commands. How to group output channels that have been connected in parallel is discussed in Chapter 4 under “System-Related Operations”.

If you are not grouping output channels, first program both outputs to the desired output voltage. Then program the current limit point of each output. The current limit of the paralleled outputs will be the sum of both individual current limit points.

Effect on Specifications

Specifications for outputs operating in parallel can be obtained from the specifications for single outputs. Most specifications are expressed as a constant or as a percentage (or ppm) plus a constant. For parallel operation, the percentage portion remains unchanged while constant portions or any constants are changed as indicated below. For current readback accuracy and temperature coefficient of current readback, use the minus current specifications:

Current All parallel specifications referring to current are twice the single output specification except for programming resolution, which is the same for both single output and parallel output operation.

Voltage All parallel specifications referring to voltage are the same as for a single output except for CV load effect, CV load cross regulation, CV source effect, and CV short term drift. These are all twice the voltage programming accuracy (including the percentage portion) at all operating points.

Load Transient Recovery Time Load transient specifications are typically twice the single output.

Series Connections

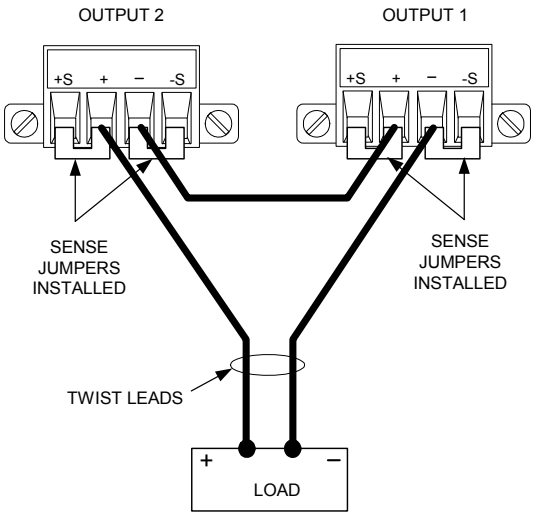
WARNING **SHOCK HAZARD Floating voltages must not exceed 240 VDC. No output terminal may be more than 240 VDC from chassis ground.**

CAUTION Only connect outputs that have identical voltage and current ratings in series. Agilent Models N678xA cannot be connected in series.

To prevent currents from damaging the power system when the load is connected, always turn series-connected outputs on and off together. Do not leave one output on while the other is off.

Connecting outputs in series provides a greater voltage capability than can be obtained from a single output. Because the current is the same through each element in a series circuit, outputs connected in series must have equivalent current ratings.

The following figures show how to connect two outputs in series to a single load. If voltage drop in the load leads is a concern, connect the sense leads of output 1 and output 2 for remote sensing as shown in the figure on the right. Note that the +sense lead of output 2 must remain connected to the -sense terminal of output 1.



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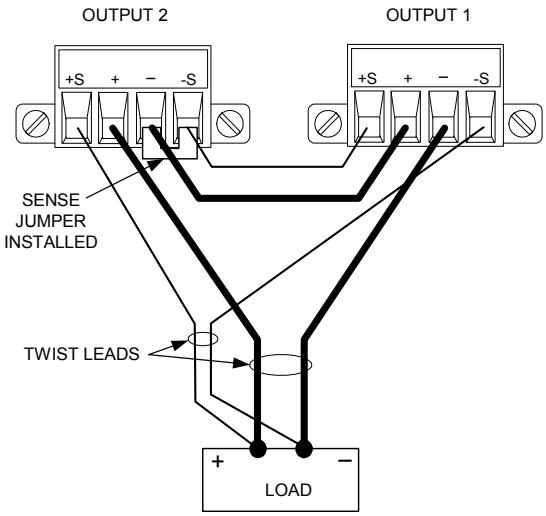

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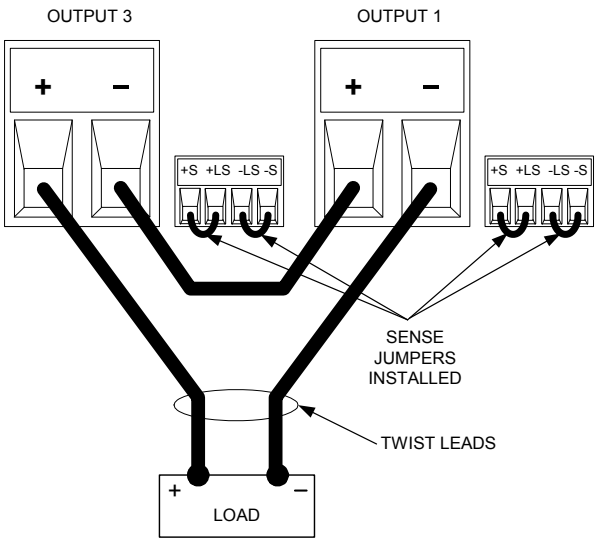

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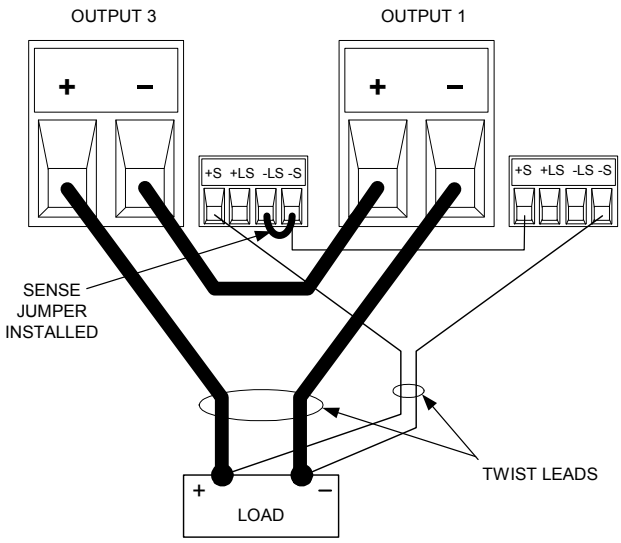

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Setting the Outputs

Outputs connected together in series cannot be grouped. To program outputs connected in series, first program the current limit of each output to the total desired current limit point. Then program the voltage of each output so that the sum of both voltages equals the total desired operating voltage. The simplest way to accomplish this is to program each output to one half of the total desired operating voltage.

NOTE The operating mode of each output is determined by the output's programmed settings, operating point, and load condition. Because these conditions may change during series operation, the front panel status indicator will reflect these changes. This is normal. Momentary status changes are also normal.

Effect on Specifications

Specifications for outputs operating in series can be obtained from the specifications for single outputs. Most specifications are expressed as a constant or a percentage (or ppm) plus a constant. For series operation, the percentage portion remains unchanged while constant portions or any constants are changed as indicated.

Voltage All series specifications referring to voltage are twice the single output specification except for programming resolution, which is the same as for a single output.

Current All series specifications referring to current are the same as for a single output except for CC load effect, CC load cross regulation, CC source effect, and CC short term drift. These are twice the current programming accuracy (including the percentage portion) at all operating points.

Load Transient Recovery Time Load transient specifications are typically twice the single output.

Additional Load Considerations

Response Time with an External Capacitor

When programming with an external capacitor, voltage response time may be longer than that for purely resistive loads. Use the following formula to estimate the additional up-programming response time:

$$\text{Response Time} = \frac{(\text{Added Output Capacitor}) \times (\text{Change in Vout})}{(\text{Current Limit Setting}) - (\text{Load Current})}$$

Note that programming into an external output capacitor may cause the power system to briefly enter constant current or constant power operating mode, which adds additional time to the estimation.

Positive and Negative Voltages

Either positive or negative voltages with respect to ground can be obtained from the output by grounding (or "commoning") one of the output terminals. Always use two wires to connect the load to the output regardless of where or how the system is grounded. The instrument can be operated with any output terminal ± 240 VDC including output voltage from ground.

NOTE Agilent Models N678xA are optimized for grounding the negative output terminal. Grounding the positive terminal may result in increased current measurement noise and a reduction in current measurement accuracy.

Protecting Sensitive Loads from AC Power Switching Transients

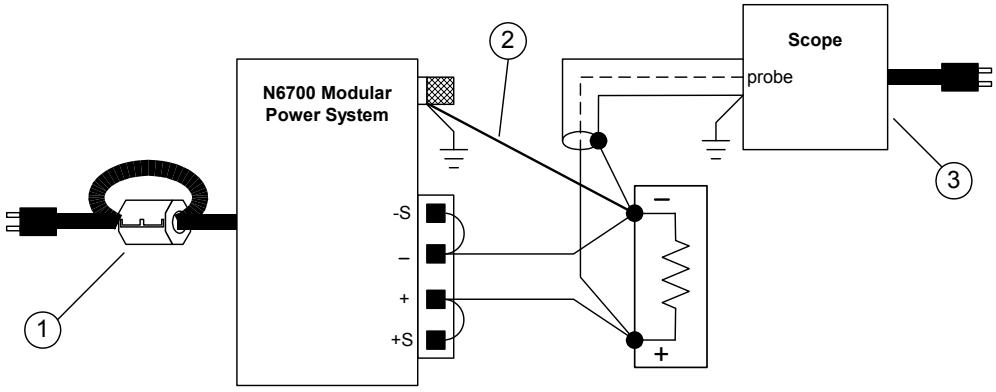
NOTE This only applies if you are connecting loads that are highly sensitive to voltage or current transients to the output of the power system. If your load is connected directly to the output of the power system and is not connected to chassis ground in any way, you do not need to worry about AC power switching transients appearing at the output of the power system.

Operating the AC line switch can inject common mode current spikes into the DC output leads, resulting in voltage spikes that may damage loads that are highly sensitive to voltage or current transients. Note that any electronic device meeting international standards for EMI compliance is likely to generate similar current spikes. This situation arises from the presence of EMI filters at both the AC input and the DC output. These filters typically include common mode capacitors connected to the chassis of the power system. Since the AC input has an earth ground, any load that is also earth-grounded provides a possible return path for common mode currents.

The following figure illustrates a typical situation where a load that might otherwise be floating becomes grounded, thereby providing a return path for any injected currents. In this case, the return path is

created by the low side of the scope probe, which is connected to the load circuit common and also to the scope's chassis. For this and similar cases, the following steps by order of preference, will help mitigate common mode current spikes appearing at the output when the power system is turned on or off by the AC line switch:

1. Install the ferrite core on the power cord as described under "Snap-On Core". This inserts impedance in the current path.
2. Install a separate "bonding" wire from the load's common point, to the ground terminal of the power system. This provides a lower impedance path that helps direct injected currents away from the DC output leads (and the sensitive load).
3. Break the return path through the external equipment. For example, instead of the single-ended scope shown in the figure, you can use a differential scope with a floating input or you can connect an isolated measuring instrument to the load.



NOTE Disconnecting the load from the output *before* switching the power system on or off will **always** protect the load from common mode currents.

Connecting the Auxiliary Voltage Measurement Input

NOTE This information applies to Agilent Model N6781A only.

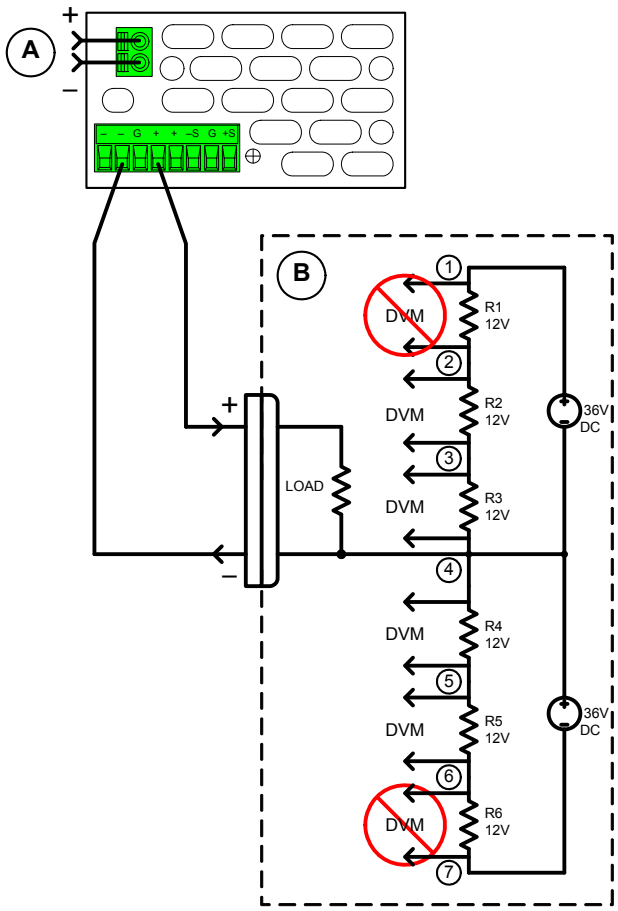
The auxiliary voltage measurement input is located on the rear panel of the Agilent N6781A. It is primarily used for battery voltage rundown measurements, but it is also suitable for general purpose DC measurements between ± 25 VDC. As shown in the following figure, auxiliary voltage measurements cannot be made on test points that are at a greater potential than ± 25 VDC from Common.

Refer to chapter 4 under “Making Measurements” for more information.

CAUTION When using the auxiliary voltage measurement input on Model N6781A, no output terminal or measurement input terminal may be more than ± 60 VDC from any other terminal and chassis ground.

A. AUX Voltage Measurement inputs

B. Test Fixture
1. **36 V**
2. **24 V**
3. **12 V**
4. **Com.**
5. **–12 V**
6. **–24 V**
7. **–36 V**



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This chapter describes how to get started using your power system. It discusses turning the unit on, using the front panel controls, and navigating the front panel command menu. A map of the front panel menu structure is found in Chapter 1.

This chapter also contains information on how to configure the three remote interfaces that are provided on the back of the instrument.

NOTE Detailed information on configuring the remote interfaces is included in the Agilent Technologies *USB/LAN/GPIB Interfaces Connectivity Guide,* which is available on the Automation-Ready CD included with this product.

Turning the Unit On

After you have connected the line cord, turn the unit on with the front panel power switch. The front panel display will light up after a few seconds.

A *power-on* self-test occurs automatically when you turn the unit on. This test assures you that the instrument is operational. If the self-test fails, the front panel **Err** indicator comes on. Press the Error key to display the list of errors on the front panel. Refer to the Service Guide for further information.

When the front panel display appears, you can use the front panel controls to enter voltage and current values.

Selecting an Output Channel

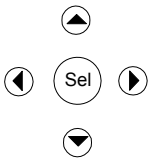
Channel

Press the **Channel** key to select the output channel that you wish to program.

Entering an Output Voltage Setting

Method 1 – Use the Navigation and Arrow Keys

Navigation Keys



Use the left and right navigation keys to navigate to the setting that you wish to change. In the display below, channel 1's voltage setting is selected. Enter a value using the numeric keypad. Then press Enter.

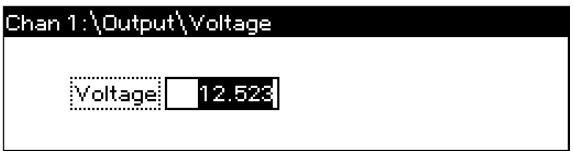
Arrow Keys

You can also use the arrow keys to adjust the value up or down, and switch between + and – limits on Model N6784A. When the output is on and the unit is operating in CV mode, the output voltage changes immediately. Otherwise, the value will become effective when the output is turned on.

Method 2 - Use the Voltage key to enter a value

Voltage

Use the **Voltage** key to select the voltage entry field. In the display below, channel 1's voltage setting is selected. Enter the desired setting using the numeric keypad. Then press Enter.

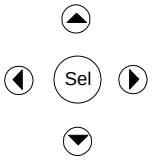


NOTE If you make a mistake, either use the ← backspace key to delete the number, press **Back** to back out of the menu, or press **Meter** to return to meter mode.

Entering a Current Limit Setting

Method 1 – Use the Navigation and Arrow Keys

Navigation Keys



Use the left and right navigation keys to navigate to the setting that you wish to change. In the display below, channel 1's current setting is selected. Enter a value using the numeric keypad. Then press Enter.

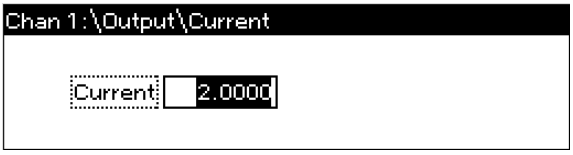
Arrow Keys

You can also use the arrow keys to adjust the value up or down and switch between + and – limits on Models N678xA. When the output is on and the unit is operating in CC mode, the output current changes immediately. Otherwise, the value will become effective when the output is turned on.

Method 2 - Use the Current key to enter a value

Current

Use the **Current** key to select the current entry field. In the display below, channel 1's current setting is selected. Enter the desired setting using the numeric keypad. Then press Enter.



NOTE If you make a mistake, either use the ⬅ backspace key to delete the number, press **Back** to back out of the menu, or press **Meter** to return to meter mode.

Enabling the Output

Use the On/Off key to enable the output

On/Off

If a load is connected to the output, the front panel display will indicate that it is drawing current. Otherwise, the current reading will be zero. The status indicator next to the channel number indicates the output's status. In this case, the output channel is in constant voltage mode.

NOTE For a description of the status indicators, refer to Chapter 1, under "Front Panel Display – At a Glance".

Using the Front Panel Menu

The front panel command menu lets you access most of the power system's functions. The actual function controls are located at the lowest menu level. Briefly:

- Press the **Menu** key to access the command menu.
- Press the navigation keys to move across the menu commands.
- Press the center (**Sel**) key to select a command and move down to the next level in the menu.
- Press the **Help** key at the lowest menu level to display help information about the function controls.

A map of the front panel command structure is found in Chapter 1. The following example shows you how to navigate the front panel command menu to program the over-voltage protection function.

Set the Over-Voltage Protection

The over-voltage protection function turns off the affected output if the output voltage reaches the programmed over-voltage limit.

Menu

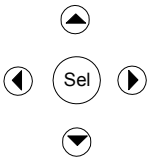
Press the **Menu** key to access the front panel command menu.

The first line identifies the output channel that is being controlled followed by the menu path. Since the top level is displayed, the path is empty.

The second line indicates the commands that are available at the present menu level. In this case, the top-level menu commands are shown, with the Output command highlighted.

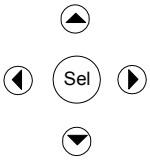
The third line indicates which commands are available under the Output command. Selecting the highlighted command accesses this lower level.

```
Chan 1:\
Output Measure Transient Protect States System
Voltage, Current, Mode, Sequence, Advanced
```



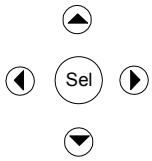
Press the right arrow ▶ navigation key to traverse the menu until the Protect command is highlighted. Press the **Sel** key to select the Protect command.

```
Chan 1:\
Output Measure Transient Protect States System
OVP, OCP, Inhibit, Coupling, WDog, Osc, Clear
```



The menu path now shows that the commands shown on the second line are located under the Protect command. The OVP command is highlighted. The third line indicates which functions are located under the OVP command. Press the **Sel** key to select the OVP command.

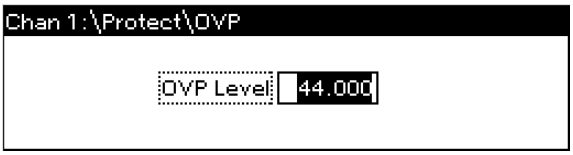
```
Chan 1:\Protect
OVP OCP Inhibit Coupling WDog Osc Clear
Overvoltage protection settings.
```



The command menu is now at the function control level. This is the lowest level in this path.

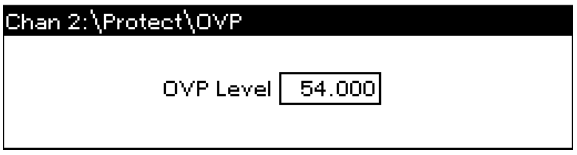
Use the navigation keys to highlight the OVP Level control as shown below. Enter the desired over-voltage level using the numeric keypad. Then press Enter.

4 4 Enter



Channel

Press the **Channel** key at any time to select a different output channel. This can save time because you can directly access the OVP control of each channel without having to navigate through the menu levels.



NOTE If you program an over-voltage protection level that is lower than the present output voltage, the over-voltage protection circuit will trip and turn the output channel off. The front panel status indicator will show OV.

Exiting the Command Menu

There are two ways to exit the command menu.

Meter

Press the **Meter** key to immediately return to the metering screen. This is the quickest way to return to metering mode.

Back

Press the **Back** key to back up one level at a time in the command menu. This method may be more convenient if there are other menu commands to be given.

Detailed instructions on how to use the power system's functions and capabilities are found in the next chapter. Detailed information about the SCPI programming commands are found in the Programmer's Reference Help file on your Agilent N6700 Product Reference CD.

In Case of Trouble

Press the Help key to obtain additional help about any function control menu level. Press the Back key to exit the Help menu.

The front panel **Err** indicator comes on if self-test fails or if other operating problems occur with your instrument. Press the Error key to display the list of errors. Refer to the N6700 Service Guide for further information.

The N6700 Service Guide is included as part of the optional Manual Set (Option 0L1). An electronic copy of the N6700 Service Guide is also included on the N6700 Product Reference CD-ROM.

Connecting to the Interfaces

The Agilent N6700 MPS supports GPIB, LAN, and USB interfaces. All three interfaces are live at power-on. Connect your interface cable to the appropriate interface connector. Information on configuring the interfaces is found later in this chapter.

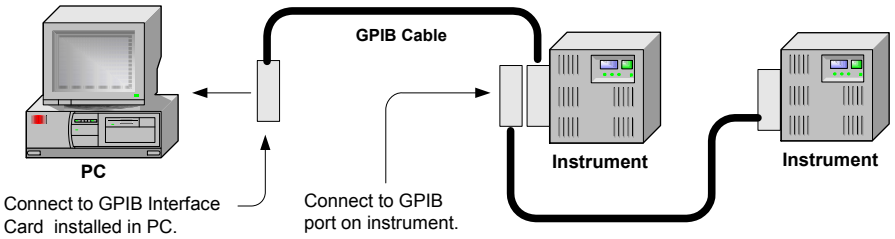
The front panel **IO** indicator comes on whenever there is activity on the remote interfaces. The front panel **Lan** indicator comes on when the LAN port is connected and configured.

Power system mainframes provide Ethernet connection monitoring. With Ethernet connection monitoring, the instrument's LAN port is continually monitored, and automatically reconfigured when the instrument is unplugged for a minimum of 20 seconds and then reconnected to a network.

GPIB Interface

NOTE For detailed information about GPIB interface connections, refer to the Agilent Technologies *USB/LAN/GPIB Interfaces Connectivity Guide*, located on the Automation-Ready CD that is shipped with your product.

The following steps will help you quickly get started connecting your instrument to the General Purpose Interface Bus (GPIB). The following figure illustrates a typical GPIB interface system.



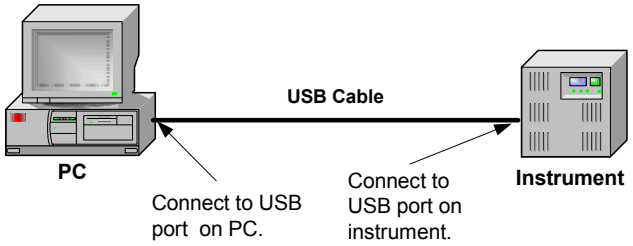
1. If you have not already done so, install the Agilent IO Libraries Suite from the Automation-Ready CD that is shipped with your product.
2. If you do not have a GPIB interface card installed on your computer, turn off your computer and install the GPIB card.
3. Connect your instrument to the GPIB interface card using a GPIB interface cable.
4. Use the Connection Expert utility of the Agilent IO Libraries Suite to configure the installed GPIB interface card's parameters.
5. The power system is shipped with its GPIB address set to 5. Use the front panel menu if you need to change the GPIB address.
   a. Press the Menu key, then use the navigation keys to select **System\IO\GPIB**.
   b. Use the numeric keys to enter a new value. Valid addresses are from 0 to 30. Press the Enter key to enter the value. Press the Meter key to exit the menu.

6 You can now use Interactive IO within the Connection Expert to communicate with your instrument, or you can program your instrument using the various programming environments.

USB Interface

NOTE For detailed information about USB interface connections, refer to the Agilent Technologies *USB/LAN/GPIB Interfaces Connectivity Guide*, located on the Automation-Ready CD that is shipped with your product.

The following steps will help you quickly get started connecting your USB-enabled instrument to the Universal Serial Bus (USB). The following figure illustrates a typical USB interface system.



1 If you have not already done so, install the Agilent IO Libraries Suite from the Automation-Ready CD that is shipped with your product.

2 Connect your instrument to the USB port on your computer.

3 With the Connection Expert utility of the Agilent IO Libraries Suite running, the computer will automatically recognize the instrument. This may take several seconds. When the instrument is recognized, your computer will display the VISA alias, IDN string, and VISA address. This information is located in the USB folder.

4 Note that you can also view the instrument's VISA address from the front panel. Press the Menu key, then use the navigation keys to select **System\IO\USB\Identification**.

5 You can now use Interactive IO within the Connection Expert to communicate with your instrument, or you can program your instrument using the various programming environments.

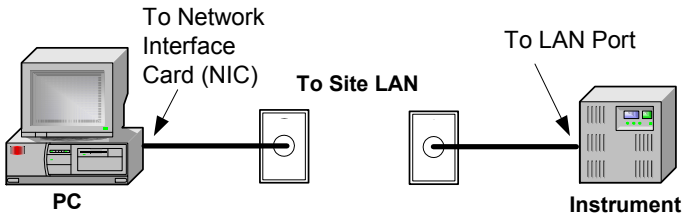
LAN Interface

NOTE For detailed information about LAN interface connections, refer to the Agilent Technologies *USB/LAN/GPIB Interfaces Connectivity Guide*, located on the Automation-Ready CD that is shipped with your product.

The following steps will help you quickly get started connecting and configuring your instrument on a local area network. The two types of local area networks connections that are discussed in this section are site networks and private networks.

Connecting to a Site LAN

A site LAN is a local area network in which LAN-enabled instruments and computers are connected to the network through routers, hubs, and/or switches. They are typically large, centrally-managed networks with services such as DHCP and DNS servers.



1 If you have not already done so, install the Agilent IO Libraries Suite from the Automation-Ready CD that is shipped with your product.

2 Connect the instrument to the site LAN. The factory-shipped instrument LAN settings are configured to automatically obtain an IP address from the network using a DHCP server (DHCP is set On). Note that this may take up to one minute. The DHCP server will register the instrument's hostname with the dynamic DNS server. The hostname as well as the IP address can then be used to communicate with the instrument. The front panel **Lan** indicator will come on when the LAN port has been configured.

NOTE If you need to manually configure any instrument LAN settings, refer to "Configuring the LAN Parameters" later in this chapter for information about configuring the LAN settings from the front panel of the instrument.

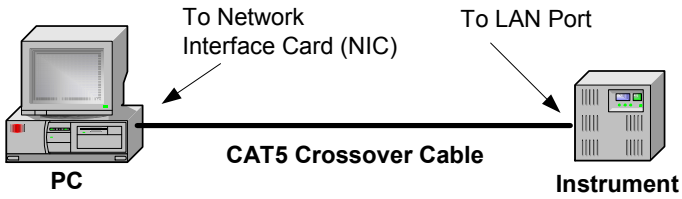
3 Use the Connection Expert utility of the Agilent IO Libraries Suite to add the N6700 power system and verify a connection. To add the instrument, you can request the Connection Expert to discover the instrument. If the instrument cannot be found, add the instrument using the instrument's hostname or IP address.

NOTE If this does not work, refer to the chapter on "Troubleshooting Guidelines" in the Agilent Technologies *USB/LAN/GPIB Interfaces Connectivity Guide*.

4 You can now use Interactive IO within the Connection Expert to communicate with your instrument, or you can program your instrument using the various programming environments. You can also use the Web browser on your computer to communicate with the instrument as described under "Using the Web Server" later in this chapter.

Connecting to a Private LAN

A private LAN is a network in which LAN-enabled instruments and computers are directly connected, and not connected to a site LAN. They are typically small, with no centrally-managed resources.



1 If you have not already done so, install the Agilent IO Libraries Suite from the Automation-Ready CD that is shipped with your product.

2 Connect the instrument to the computer using a LAN crossover cable. Alternatively, connect the computer and the instrument to a standalone hub or switch using regular LAN cables.

NOTE Make sure your computer is configured to obtain its address from DHCP and that NetBIOS over TCP/IP is enabled. Note that if the computer had been connected to a site LAN, it may still retain previous network settings from the site LAN. Wait one minute after disconnecting it from the site LAN before connecting it to the private LAN. This allows Windows to sense that it is on a different network and restart the network configuration. If you are running Windows 98, you may need to manually release the previous settings.

3 The factory-shipped instrument LAN settings are configured to automatically obtain an IP address from a site network using a DHCP server. You can leave these settings as they are. Most Agilent products and most computers will automatically choose an IP address using auto-IP if a DHCP server is not present. Each assigns itself an IP address from the block 169.254.nnn. Note that this may take up to one minute. The front panel **Lan** indicator will come on when the LAN port has been configured.

NOTE Turning off DHCP reduces the time required to fully configure a network connection when the power system is turned on. To manually configure the instrument LAN settings, refer to "Configuring the LAN Parameters" later in this chapter.

4 Use the Connection Expert utility of the Agilent IO Libraries Suite to add the N6700 power system and verify a connection. To add the instrument, you can request the Connection Expert to discover the instrument. If the instrument cannot be found, add the instrument using the instrument's hostname or IP address.

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5 You can now use Interactive IO within the Connection Expert to communicate with your instrument, or you can program your instrument using the various programming environments. You can also use the Web browser on your computer to communicate with the instrument as described under "Using the Web Server" later in this chapter.

Viewing the Active LAN Settings

To view the currently active LAN settings, press the Menu key, then use the navigation keys to select: **System\IO\LAN\ActiveSettings**.

The currently active settings for the IP Address, Subnet Mask, and Default Gateway may be different from the front panel configuration menu settings - depending on the configuration of the network. If the settings are different, it is because the network has automatically assigned its own settings.

Modifying the LAN Settings

NOTE The power system must be rebooted for any LAN setting modifications to take effect.

As shipped from the factory, the power system's pre-configured settings should work in most LAN environments. If you need to manually configure these settings, press the Menu key, then use the navigation keys to select: **System\IO\LAN\Config**.

In the **Config** menu you can then select from the following items: IP, Name, Domain, DNS, TCP, and Reset. Note that the **Reset** command resets the LAN settings to the factory-shipped state.

IP

Select **IP** to configure the addressing of the instrument. The configurable parameters include:

Automatic This parameter automatically configures the addressing of the instrument. When selected, the instrument will first try to obtain an IP address from a DHCP server. If a DHCP server is found, the DHCP server will assign an IP address, Subnet Mask, and Default Gateway to the instrument. If a DHCP server is unavailable, the instrument will try to obtain an IP address using AutoIP. AutoIP automatically assigns an IP address, Subnet Mask, and Default Gateway addresses on networks that do not have a DHCP server.

Manual This parameter allows you to manually configure the addressing of the instrument by entering values in the following three fields. These fields only appear when Manual is selected.

IP Address This value is the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the instrument. An IP address is required for all IP and TCP/IP communications with the instrument. An IP Address consists of 4 decimal numbers separated by periods. Each decimal number ranges from 0 through 255.

Subnet Mask This value is used to enable the instrument to determine if a client IP address is on the same local subnet. When a client IP address is on a different subnet, all packets must be sent to the Default Gateway.

Default Gateway This value is the IP Address of the default gateway that allows the instrument to communicate with systems that are not on the local subnet, as determined by the subnet mask setting. A value of 0.0.0.0 indicates that no default gateway is defined.

Name

Select **Name** to configure the hostname of the instrument. If you want to change the hostname, you should do so before you connect the instrument to the network. Otherwise, the original hostname may be cached in the network for up to several hours.

Host name This field registers the supplied name with the selected naming service. If the field is left blank, no name is registered. A hostname may contain upper and lower case letters, numbers and dashes(-). The maximum length is 15 characters. Use the navigation keys to enter an alpha character. Use the up/down navigation or arrow keys to select a letter from the alphabetic choices as you scroll through the selections. Use the number keys to enter a number.

Each power system is shipped with a default hostname with the format: A-modelnumber-serialnumber, where *modelnumber* is the mainframe's 6-character model number (e.g. N6700B), and *serialnumber* is the last five characters of the 10-character mainframe serial number located on the label on the top of the unit (e.g. 45678 if the serial number is MY12345678). A-N6700B-45678 is an example of a hostname.

Use Dynamic DNS naming service Registers the hostname using the Dynamic DNS naming system.

Use NetBIOS naming service Registers the hostname using the RFC NetBIOS naming protocol.

Domain

Select **Domain** if your DNS server requires an instrument to register not only the hostname, but also the domain name.

Domain name Registers the Internet domain for the instrument. The Domain must start with a letter and may contain upper and lower case letters, numbers, dashes(-) and dots(.). Use the navigation keys to enter an alpha character. Use the up/down navigation or arrow keys to select a letter from the alphabetic choices as you scroll through the selections. Use the number keys to enter a number.

DNS

Select **DNS** to configure the Domain Name System (DNS) setup of the instrument. DNS is an internet service that translates domain names into IP addresses. It is also needed for the instrument to find and display its hostname assigned by the network.

Obtain DNS server from DHCP Select this item to obtain the DNS server address from DHCP. You must have enabled DHCP in the IP menu.

Use the following DNS server Select this item if you are not using DHCP or need to connect to a specific DNS server.

DNS Server This value is the address of the DNS server. It is used if you are not using DHCP or if you need to connect to a specific DNS server.

NOTE For improved performance when connected to an isolated subnet, select **Use the following DNS server**. However, leave the **DNS server** address field blank.

TCP

Select **TCP** to configure the TCP keepalive settings of the instrument.

Enable TCP Keepalive Check the Enable box to enable the TCP keepalive function. The instrument uses the TCP keepalive timer to determine if a client is still reachable. If there has been no activity on the connection after the specified time, the instrument will send keepalive probes to the client to determine if it is still alive. If not, the connection will be marked as down or "dropped." The instrument will release any resources that were allocated to that client.

TCP keepalive timeout This is the delay in seconds before TCP keepalive probes will be sent to the client. It is recommended that the largest value be used that still meets the application's need for unreachable client detection. Smaller keepalive time-out values will generate more keepalive probes (network traffic), using more of the available network bandwidth. Allowed values: 720 - 99999 seconds.

Reset

Resets the LAN settings to the factory-shipped state. These settings are listed at the end of this chapter.

Communicating Over the LAN

The Agilent IO Libraries Suite along with instrument drivers for specific programming environments can be used to communicate with your power system. You can also communicate with your power system using its built-in Web server, the Telnet utility, or sockets. These latter methods are a convenient way to communicate with the power system without using I/O libraries or drivers. In all cases, you must first establish a LAN connection from your computer to the power system as previously discussed.

Using the Web Server

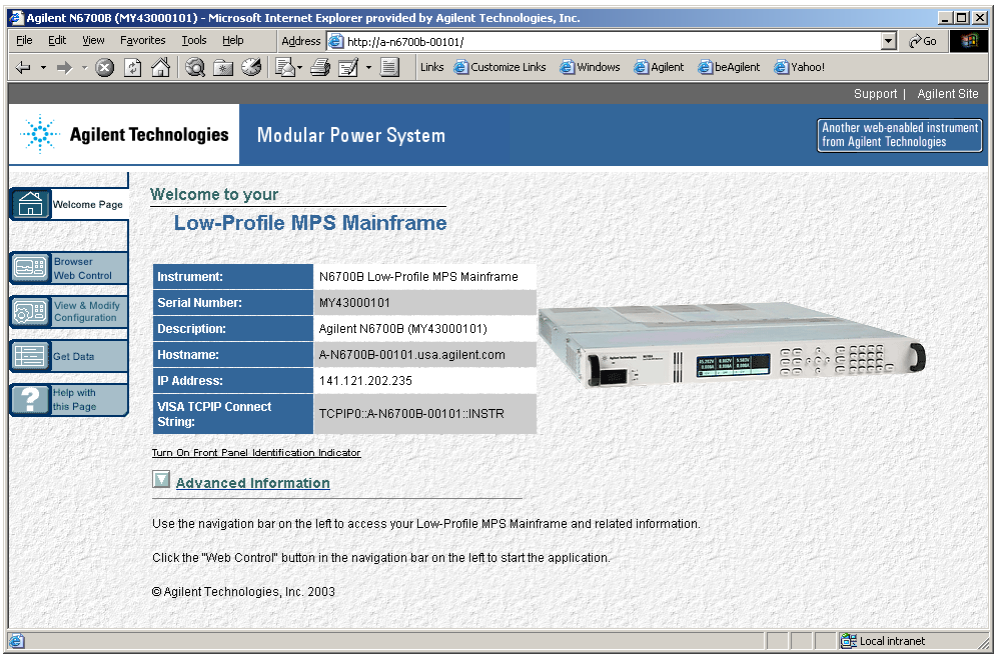
Your power system has a built-in Web server that lets you control it directly from an internet browser on your computer. With the Web server, you can access the front panel control functions including the LAN configuration parameters. Up to **two** simultaneous connections are allowed. With additional connections, performance will be reduced.

NOTE The built-in Web server only operates over the LAN interface. It requires Internet Explorer 7+ or Firefox2+. You also need the Java (Sun) Plug-in. This is included in the Java Runtime Environment. Refer to Sun Microsystem's website. If you are using Internet Explorer 7 open a separate browser window for each connection.

The Web server is enabled when shipped. To launch the Web server:

1 Open the internet browser on your computer.

2 Enter the instrument's hostname or IP address into the browser's Address field to launch the Web server. The following home page will appear:


Agilent N6700B (MY43000101) - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Agilent Technologies, Inc.
File Edit View Favorites Tools Help
Address http://a-n6700b-00101/
Go
Links Customize Links Windows Agilent beAgilent Yahoo!
Support | Agilent Site
Agilent Technologies
Modular Power System
Another web-enabled instrument from Agilent Technologies
Welcome Page
Browser Web Control
View & Modify Configuration
Get Data
Help with this Page
Welcome to your
Low-Profile MPS Mainframe
Instrument: N6700B Low-Profile MPS Mainframe
Serial Number: MY43000101
Description: Agilent N6700B (MY43000101)
Hostname: A-N6700B-00101.usa.agilent.com
IP Address: 141.121.202.235
VISA TCPIP Connect String: TCPIP0::A-N6700B-00101::INSTR
Turn On Front Panel Identification Indicator
Advanced Information
Use the navigation bar on the left to access your Low-Profile MPS Mainframe and related information.
Click the "Web Control" button in the navigation bar on the left to start the application.
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3 Click on the Browser Web Control button in the navigation bar on the left to begin controlling your instrument.

4 For additional help about any of the pages, click on the Help with this Page button.

If desired, you can control access to the Web server using password protection. As shipped from the factory, no password is set. To set a password, click on the View & Modify Configuration button. Refer to the on-line help for additional information about setting a password.

Using Telnet

In an MS-DOS Command Prompt box type: *telnet hostname 5024* where *hostname* is the N6700 hostname or IP address, and 5024 is the instrument's telnet port.

You should get a Telnet session box with a title indicating that you are connected to the power system. Type the SCPI commands at the prompt.

Using Sockets

NOTE Power system mainframes allow any combination of up to **four** simultaneous data socket, control socket, and telnet connections to be made.

Agilent instruments have standardized on using port 5025 for SCPI socket services. A **data socket** on this port can be used to send and receive ASCII/SCPI commands, queries, and query responses. All commands must be terminated with a newline for the message to be parsed. All query responses will also be terminated with a newline.

The socket programming interface also allows a **control socket** connection. The control socket can be used by a client to send device clear and to receive service requests. Unlike the data socket, which uses a fixed port number, the port number for a control socket varies and must be obtained by sending the following SCPI query to the data socket: `SYSTem:COMMunicate:TCPip:CONTrol?`

After the port number is obtained, a control socket connection can be opened. As with the data socket, all commands to the control socket must be terminated with a newline, and all query responses returned on the control socket will be terminated with a newline.

To send a device clear, send the string "DCL" to the control socket. When the power system has finished performing the device clear it echoes the string "DCL" back to the control socket.

Service requests are enabled for control sockets using the Service Request Enable register. Once service requests have been enabled, the client program listens on the control connection. When SRQ goes true the instrument will send the string "SRQ +nn" to the client. The "nn" is the status byte value, which the client can use to determine the source of the service request.

Securing the Interfaces

Enable/Disable the USB, LAN, and Web Server

The USB interface, LAN interface, and the Web server are enabled when shipped.

To enable or disable the USB interface from the front panel, press the Menu key and select **System\Admin\USB.**

Enable USB Check this box to enable the USB.
Uncheck this box to disable the USB.

To enable or disable the LAN interface or Web server, press the Menu key and select the following menu commands: **System\Admin\LAN.**

Enable LAN Check this box to enable the LAN. Uncheck this box to disable the LAN.

Enable Web Server Check this box to enable the Web server. Uncheck this box to disable the Web server. The LAN must be enabled in order to enable the Web server.

If you cannot access the Admin menu, it may be password protected.

Password-Protecting the Interfaces, Factory Settings, and Calibration

You can password-protect access to the LAN and USB interfaces as well as the non-volatile RAM reset and the calibration functions. This capability is available in the **System\Admin** menu.

As shipped from the factory, the Admin menu password is 0 (zero). This means that you do not have to enter a password to access the Admin menu. Simply select **System\Admin\Login** and press Enter.

To password-protect the Admin menu, select **System\Admin\ Password**. The password must be numeric, and up to 15 digits long. When done, log out of the Admin menu to activate the password. You can now only enter the Admin menu by providing the right password.

If the password is lost, access can be restored by setting an internal switch to reset the password to 0. If the message “Locked out by internal switch setting” or “Calibration is inhibited by switch setting” appears, the internal switch is set to prevent the password from being changed (Refer to the Service Guide).

Restoring the Non-volatile Factory Settings

Remote interface settings are stored in non-volatile memory. The factory-shipped interface settings documented in the following table are optimized for connecting your power system to a site network. They should also work well for other network configurations.

These factory-shipped LAN settings can be restored by selecting the Reset control in the **System\IO\LAN\Config\Reset** menu.

All non-volatile settings including LAN, can be restored by selecting the Reset control located in the **System\Admin\Nvram** menu.

Factory-shipped non-volatile LAN settings			
Get IP Address	Automatic	Dynamic DNS naming service	Enabled
IP Address	169.254.67.0	NetBIOS naming service	Enabled
Subnet Mask	255.255.0.0	Domain name	Blank
Default Gateway	0.0.0.0	TCP keepalive	Enabled
Obtain DNS server from DHCP	Enabled	TCP keepalive seconds	1800
DNS server	Blank	Ethernet Auto-negotiation	Enabled
Host name	A-N67xxx-xxxxx	Ping server	Enabled
		Web password	Blank

Other factory-shipped non-volatile settings			
Admin/Calibration password	0 (zero)	On/Off key affects all channels	Disabled
Calibration date	March 5, 2003	Output Inhibit mode	Off
Channel grouping	No groups	Saved states	*RST command
Digital port function (all pins)	Digital In	Screen contrast	50%
Digital port polarity (all pins)	Positive	Screen saver	Enabled
Front panel lockout	Disabled	Screen saver delay	60 minutes
Front panel meter view	1-channel	USB interface	Enabled
GPIB Address	5	Wake on I/O	Enabled
Key clicks	Enabled	Web server	Enabled
LAN interface	Enabled		

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Operating the Power System

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This chapter contains examples on how to operate your power system from the front panel and over the remote interface using SCPI commands.

For complete details on the SCPI (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) commands, refer to the Programmer's Reference Help file included on the Agilent N6700 Product Reference CD. This CD-ROM is shipped along with your instrument.

The simple examples discussed in this chapter show you how to program:

- Output voltage and current functions
- Output triggers
- Measurement functions
- Measurement triggers
- Protection functions
- System functions

Refer to Appendix B for information about using the Digital Port on the back of your instrument.

Refer to Appendix C for information about using the power allocation function.

Programming the Output

Select a Channel View

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Press the Meter key to toggle between single-channel and multiple-channel view.	To select single-channel view:
	`DISP:VIEW METER1`
	To set multiple-channel view:
	`DISP:VIEW METER4`

Select an Output Channel

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Press the Channel key to select an output channel.	Enter the selected channel(s) in the command's parameter list. `OUTP;STAT? (@1,2)`

Set the Output Voltage

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Press the Voltage key.
Enter a value and press Select.
	To set output 1 to 5 V:
	`VOLT 5,(@1)`
	To set all outputs to 10 V:
	`VOLT 10,(@1:4)`

For models with multiple ranges, you can select a lower range if you need better output resolution.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Press the Voltage key. Select a lower range and press Select.	To select the lower range, program a value that falls within the range: `VOLT:RANG 5,(@1)`

For Agilent N678xA models operating in current priority mode, you can specify a Voltage limit., which limits the output voltage at the specified value. In current priority mode, the output current remains at its programmed setting as long as the output voltage is within the positive or negative limit. Check Tracking t**o** let the negative voltage limit track the positive voltage limit setting.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Press the Voltage key.
Specify a + Voltage limit and or a – Voltage limit and press Select. Check the Tracking box if you want the – limit to track the + limit.
	To select the voltage limit:
	`VOLT:LIM 5,(@1)`
	To select the negative voltage limit:
	`VOLT:LIM:NEG 3,(@1)`
	To enable voltage limit tracking:
	`VOLT:LIM:COUP ON,(@1)`

Set the Output Current

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Press the Current key.
Enter a value and press Select.
	To set output 1 to 1 A:
	`CURR 1,(@1)`
	To set all outputs to 2 A:
	`CURR 2,(@1:4)`

For models with multiple ranges, you can select a lower range if you need better output resolution.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Press the Current key. Select a lower range and press Select.	To select the lower range, program a value that falls within the range: `CURR:RANG 1,(@1)`

For Agilent N678xA models operating in voltage priority mode, you can specify a Current limit., which limits the output current at the specified value. In voltage priority mode, the output voltage remains at its programmed setting as long as the load current is within the positive or negative limit. Check Tracking t**o** let the negative current limit track the positive current limit setting.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Press the Current key.
Specify a + Current limit and or a – Current limit and press Select.
Check the Tracking box if you want the – limit to track the + limit.
	To select the current limit:
	`CURR:LIM 5,(@1)`
	To select the negative current limit:
	`CURR:LIM:NEG 3,(@1)`
	To enable current limit tracking:
	`CURR:LIM:COUP ON,(@1)`

Set the Output Mode

NOTE This information applies to Agilent Models N678xA only.

For Agilent N678xA models, you can select either Voltage priority or Current priority mode.

In voltage priority mode the output is controlled by a bi-polar constant voltage feedback loop, which maintains the output voltage at its positive or negative programmed setting. The output voltage will remain at its programmed setting as long as the load current remains within the positive or negative current limit.

In current priority mode the output is controlled by a bi-polar constant current feedback loop, which maintains the output sourcing or sinking current at its programmed setting. The output current will remain at its programmed setting as long as the load voltage remains within the positive or negative voltage limit.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Output\Mode**. Select either Voltage priority or Current priority and press Select.	To set output 1 to current priority: `FUNC CURR,(@1)`

NOTE When switching between Voltage priority and Current priority, the output is turned off and the output settings revert to their Power-on or RST values. Refer to Appendix E for information about voltage and current priority mode operation.

Set the Slew Rate

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Output\Advanced\Slew**
Then select **Voltage** or **Current**
Enter the voltage or current slew rate in the Slew Rate field.
Check Max slew rate to program the fastest slew rate.
	To set the voltage slew rate to 5 V/s
	`VOLT:SLEW 5,(@1)`
	To set the current slew rate to 1 A/s
	`CURR:SLEW 1,(@1)`
	To set the fastest slew rate:
	`VOLT:SLEW MAX,(@1)`

The voltage slew rate determines the rate at which the voltage changes to a new programmed setting. When set to MAXimum, INFinity, or to a very large value, the slew rate will be limited by the analog performance of the output circuit. The slowest or minimum slew rate is model-dependent and is a function of the full scale range. For other ranges the minimum slew rate is proportional to the full scale range.

The current slew rate control is only available on Agilent N678xA models. It determines the rate at which the current changes to a new programmed setting. When set to MAXimum, INFinity, or to a very large value, the slew rate will be limited by the analog performance of the output circuit. The slowest or minimum slew rate is model-dependent and is a function of the full scale range. For other ranges the minimum slew rate is proportional to the full scale range.

Enable the Output

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Press the On/Off key.
To enable/disable ALL outputs using the On/Off key, select **System\Preferences\Keys**.
Check On/Off affects all channels.
	To enable only output 1:
	`OUTP ON,(@1)`
	To enable outputs 1-4:
	`OUTP ON,(@1:4)`

Because of internal circuit start-up procedures and any installed relay options, output on may take between 35 and 50 milliseconds to complete its function. Conversely, output off may take between 20 and 25 milliseconds to complete its function.

To mitigate these built-in delays, you can program the output to zero volts rather than using the output on/off function.

Sequence Multiple Outputs

Turn-on and turn-off delays control the power-up and power-down sequencing of the output channels in relation to each other.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Press the Channel key to select an output. Then select **Output\Sequence\Delay**.
Select either Turn-on or Turn-off. Enter a delay in seconds, then press Select.
Select **System\Preferences\Keys**. Check On/Off affects all channels.
	To program a 50 millisecond turn-on delay for output 1 and a 100 millisecond turn-on delay for output 2:
	`OUTP:DEL:RISE .05,(@1)`
	`OUTP:DEL:RISE .1,(@2)`
	To program a 200 millisecond turn-off delay for outputs 3 and 4:
	`OUTP:DEL:FALL .2,(@3,4)`

Output turn-on characteristics vary across the power module types - DC Power, Autoranging, Precision, and Source/Measure. When output channels of the **same** module type are programmed off-to-on, output sequencing is determined by the programmed turn-on delays.

When outputs of **different** module types are sequenced, there may be additional offsets of a few milliseconds from one output to another that must be accounted for. Specifying a common delay offset assures that the programmed turn-on delays will be synchronized to start at the completion of the common delay offset. Select the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in the mainframe and use that as the common delay offset. (See Appendix D for more information.)

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

In the front panel menu, select **Output\Sequence\Couple**.
The **Max delay offset for this frame** field displays the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in the frame. Enter this value into the **Delay offset** field in milliseconds; then press Select.
	To query the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in the mainframe (the maximum delay offset) in seconds:
	`OUTP:COUP:MAX:DOFF?`
	To specify the common delay offset for the mainframe in seconds:
	`OUTP:COUP:DOFF .051`

Program the Output Relays

Output relay availability and options are described in Chapter 1 under “Model Differences”. Option 761 provides double-pole, double-throw relays that disconnect both the output and sense terminals. Option 760 is the same as option 761 but adds output reversal relays.

If you have Option 761 installed, the normal operating mode of the relay is to open and close as the output is turned on or off. The relays are only opened or closed when the output is at a safe state (zero voltage; zero current). Note however, that you can program the output state on or off while leaving the relay state unchanged.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Not Available	To leave the relays closed when output 1 is turned off:
	`OUTP OFF,NOR,(@1)`
	To leave the relays open when output 1 is turned on:
	`OUTP ON,NOR,(@1)`

If you have Option 760 installed, you can also reverse the polarity of the output and sense terminals. Note that this command briefly turns the output off while the output and sense terminal polarities are switched. Also note that if this option is installed in Model N6742B, the maximum output current will be limited to 10A.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Output\Advanced\Pol**. Then check the Reverse box.
Uncheck the Reverse box to return the polarity to normal.
	To switch the output and sense terminal polarities of output 1:
	`OUTP:REL:POL REV,(@1)`
	To return the polarities back to normal:
	`OUTP:REL:POL NORM,(@1)`

NOTE When the output polarity has been reversed, the voltage meter on the front panel display will show a bar over the voltage reading: $10.001\overline{V}$

Set the Agilent N6781A Output Resistance

NOTE This information applies to Agilent Model N6781A only.

Output resistance programming is primarily used in battery testing applications, and only applies in Voltage priority mode. Values are programmed in Ohms, from – 40 mΩ to + 1 Ω.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Output\Advanced\Resistance**. Enter a value and press Select.	To set the output resistance to 0.5 Ω: `OUTP:RES 0.5,(@1)`

Set the Output Bandwidth

NOTE This information applies to Agilent Models N678xA only.

Agilent N678xA power modules have several voltage bandwidth modes to allow you to optimize output response time with capacitive loads.

The Low bandwidth setting provides stability with a wide range of output capacitors. Additional bandwidth modes provide faster output response when the output capacitance is restricted to smaller values.

If capacitive loads cause the output to oscillate on the default (Low bandwidth) or any of the other bandwidth settings, a protection function will detect the oscillation and latch the output off. The condition is annunciated by the OSC status bit. At power-on the oscillation protection function is enabled.

Select a bandwidth according to the following output capacitances and lead lengths:

Setting	Output Capacitance	Sensing	Maximum distance from sense point to capacitor
Low	0–150 µF	Local or remote	Full lead length (see chapter 2)
High1	0–1 µF	Remote only	6 inches (155 mm)
High2	1–7 µF	Remote only	6 inches (155 mm)
High3	7–150 µF	Remote only	6 inches (155 mm)

See Chapter 2 under "Agilent N678xA Wire Length Requirements" for additional information on allowable load lead lengths.

NOTE Connecting capacitive loads that fall outside the indicated ranges may result in output instability or oscillation, and may cause the output to turn off, setting the OSC status bit.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Output\Advanced\Bandwidth**. Select a bandwidth from the selections listed and press Select.	To select the bandwidth: `VOLT:BWID HIGH1,(@1)`

Set the Output Turn-Off Mode

NOTE This information applies to Agilent Models N678xA only.

This lets you specify high impedance or low impedance mode at output turn-on and turn-off.
Low impedance - At turn-on the output relays are closed after which the output is programmed to the set value. At turn-off the output is first programmed to zero, after which the output relays are opened.
High impedance – At turn-on the output is programmed to the set value after which the output relays are closed. At turn-off the output relays are opened while the output remains at its set value. This reduces current pulses that may be undesirable in some applications.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Output\Advanced\Tmode**. Select either High Impedance or Low impedance and press Select.	To set output 1 to a high impedance mode: `OUTP:TMOD HIGHZ,(@1)`

Synchronizing Output Steps

The transient system lets you step the output voltage and current up or down in response to triggered events. To generate a triggered output step you must:

1. Enable the output to respond to trigger commands.
2. Set the voltage or current trigger levels.
3. Select the transient trigger source.
4. Initiate the trigger system and provide a trigger signal.

Enable the Output to Respond to Trigger Commands

First, you must enable the output to respond to trigger commands. Unless an output is enabled to respond to triggers, nothing will happen even if you have programmed a trigger level and generated a trigger for the output.

Use the following commands to enable an output to respond to triggers:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Transient\Mode**.
For voltage step triggering, set the Voltage mode to Step. For current step triggering, set the Current mode to Step. Then press Select.
	To enable the voltage function on output 1 to respond to triggers, use:
	`VOLT:MODE STEP,(@1)`
	To enable the current function on output 1 to respond to triggers, use:
	`CURR:MODE STEP,(@1)`

NOTE In Step mode, the triggered value becomes the immediate value when the trigger is received. In Fixed mode, trigger signals are ignored; the immediate values remain in effect when a trigger is received.

Set the Voltage or Current Trigger Levels

Next, use the following commands to program an output trigger level. The output will go to this level when the trigger is received.

If you have a model that has multiple ranges, the selected triggered voltage and current settings must be within the **same** range that the output channel is presently operating in.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Transient\Step**.
Select the Trig Voltage box to set the voltage. Select the Trig Current box to set the current. Enter a value and press Select.
	To set a voltage and current trigger level for output 1 use:
	`VOLT:TRIG 15,(@1)`
	`CURR:TRIG 1,(@1)`

Select the Transient Trigger Source

NOTE An immediate trigger command either from the front panel or over the bus will generate an immediate trigger regardless of the trigger source.

Unless you are using the front panel menu or a TRIGger:TRANsient command to trigger the output, select a trigger source from the following:

Bus Selects GPIB device trigger, *TRG, or <GET> (Group Execute Trigger).

Pin<n> Selects a pin on the external port connector as the trigger source. <n> specifies the pin number. The selected pin must be configured as a Trigger Input in order to be used as a trigger source (see Appendix B).

Transient<n> Selects the output channel's transient system as the trigger source. <n> specifies the channel. When you select a channel, you must also set up that channel's transient system to generate a trigger out signal. Refer to "Generate Trigger Out Signals".

Ext Selects any pin configured as a trigger input as the trigger source.

Use the following commands to select a trigger source:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
To select Bus triggers, select **Transient\TrigSource**. Select Bus.	To select Bus triggers for output 1: `TRIG:TRAN:SOUR BUS,(@1)`
To select Digital pin triggers, select **Transient\TrigSource**. Then select one of the digital port pins.	To select Digital pin triggers: `TRIG:TRAN:SOUR PIN<n>,(@1)` where n is the pin number.
To select Transient output triggers, select **Transient\TrigSource**. Then select one of the output channels.	To select Transient output triggers: `TRIG:TRAN:SOUR TRAN<n>,(@1)` where n is the output channel that will generate the trigger signal.

Initiate the Transient Trigger System

Next, you must initiate or enable the transient trigger system.

When the power system is turned on, the trigger system is in the idle state. In this state, the trigger system is disabled, ignoring all triggers. Initiating the trigger system moves it from the idle state to the initiated state, which enables the power system to receive triggers. To initiate the trigger system, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select the **Transient\Control**. Scroll to Initiate and press Select.	To initiate the transient trigger system: `INIT:TRAN (@1)`

It takes a few milliseconds for the instrument to be ready to receive a trigger signal after receiving the INITiate:TRANsient command.

If a trigger occurs before the trigger system is ready for it, the trigger will be ignored. You can test the WTG_tran bit in the operation status register to know when the instrument is ready to receive a trigger after being initiated.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To query the WTG_tran bit (bit 4): `STAT:OPER:COND?(@1)`

If a bit value of 16 is returned in the query, the WTG_tran bit is true, and the instrument is ready to receive the trigger signal. Refer to the N6700 Programmer's Reference Help file for more information.

NOTE Unless INITiate:TRANsient;CONTinuous is programmed, it will be necessary to initiate the transient trigger system each time a triggered action is desired.

Trigger the Output

The trigger system is waiting for a trigger signal in the initiated state. You can immediately trigger the output as follows:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\Control**. Select Trigger to generate an immediate trigger signal regardless of the trigger source setting.	To generate an immediate trigger on channel 1: `TRIG:TRAN (@1)` Alternatively, if the trigger source is BUS, you can also program a `*TRG` or an IEEE-488 <get> command

As previously discussed, a trigger can also be generated by another output channel or by a trigger signal applied to an input pin on the digital port connector. If any of these systems are configured as the trigger source, the instrument will wait indefinitely for the trigger signal. If the trigger does not occur, you must manually return the trigger system to the idle state.

The following commands return the trigger system to the idle state:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\Control**. Scroll to and select Abort.	`ABOR:TRAN (@1)`

When a trigger is received, the triggered functions are set to their programmed trigger levels. When the triggered actions are completed, the trigger system returns to the idle state.

You can test the TRAN_active bit in the operation status register to know when the transient trigger system has returned to the idle state.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To query the TRAN_active bit (bit 6): `STAT:OPER:COND?(@1)`

If a bit value of 64 is returned in the query, the TRAN_active bit is true, and the transient action is NOT complete. When the TRAN_active bit is false, the transient action is complete. Refer to the N6700 Programmer's Reference Help file for more information.

Generate Trigger Out Signals

Each output channel can generate trigger signals that can be used by other output channels, or routed to a pin on the digital port that has been configured as a trigger output (TOUT). Use the following commands to program transient trigger signals that are generated when an output Step occurs:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Use the Channel key to select the channel that is the trigger source. Select **Transient\Step**. Check Enable Trigger Output. Then press Select.	To program channel 3's step function to generate a trigger signal, use `STEP:TOUT ON,(@3)`

Programming Output Lists

NOTE The Output List function described in this section is not available on all models. Refer to Chapter 1, "Model Differences".

The List Function

Either output voltage or output current or both, may be list-controlled. For Agilent N678xA models, only the parameters associated with *one* of the priority modes (either voltage priority or current priority) may be list controlled. List mode lets you generate complex sequences of output changes with rapid, precise timing, which may be synchronized with internal or external signals. Lists can contain up to 512 individually programmed steps, and can be programmed to repeat themselves.

The voltage and current lists are paced by a separate list that defines the duration or dwell of each step. Each of the up to 512 steps can have an individual dwell time associated with it, which specifies the time in seconds that the list will remain at that step before moving on to the next step. Dwell times can be programmed from 0 to 262.144 seconds. The default dwell time is 0.001 seconds.

If you need an output list to closely follow external events, then a trigger-paced list is more appropriate. In a trigger-paced list, the list advances one step for each trigger received. As previously discussed, a number of trigger sources can be selected to generate triggers. With a trigger-paced list, you do not need to program a dwell time for each step. If you do program a dwell time, triggers that are received during the dwell period are ignored.

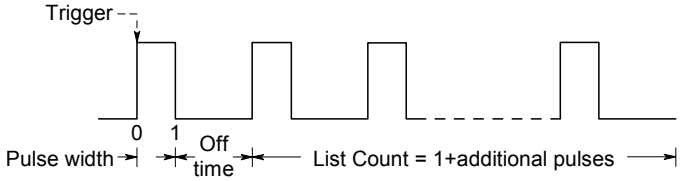
Voltage and current lists can also be configured to generate trigger signals at specified steps. This is accomplished by two additional lists: a beginning-of-step (BOST) and an end-of-step (EOST) list. These lists define which steps will generate a trigger signal and if the trigger occurs at the beginning or end of the step. These trigger signals can be used to synchronize other events with the list.

When either a voltage or current list is programmed, the associated dwell, BOST, and EOST lists must all be set to the same number of steps, otherwise an error will occur when the list is run. For convenience, a list may be programmed with only one step or value. In this case, a single-step list is treated as if it had the same number of steps as the other lists, with all values being equal to the one value.

NOTE List data is not stored in non-volatile memory. This means that list data that is sent to the instrument either from the front panel or over the bus will be lost when the power system is turned off. However, list data can be saved as part of a saved instrument state. Refer to "Instrument State Storage" later in this chapter.

Program an Output Pulse or Pulse Train

The following procedure shows how to generate an output pulse train using the List function.



Step 1. Set the voltage or current function for which you want to generate a pulse to List mode. This example programs a voltage pulse.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\Mode**. Set the voltage mode to List. Press Select.	To program output 1, use `VOLT:MODE LIST, (@1)`

Step 2. Set the amplitude and width of the pulse. For example, to generate a pulse with an amplitude of 15 V and a pulse width of 1 second, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Transient\List\Config**.
Select List Step 0 and enter a voltage value of 15. Press Select.
Enter a dwell value of 1 for List Step 0 and Press Select.
	To program output 1, use
	`LIST:VOLT 15, (@1)`
	`LIST:DWEL 1, (@1)`

Step 3. Set the list pacing to Auto, so that as each dwell time elapses, the next step is immediately output.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Pace**. Select Dwell and press Select.	`LIST:STEP AUTO, (@1)`

If you only wish to program a single pulse, skip steps 4 and 5 and go to step 6.

Step 4. If you want to generate a pulse train, you must specify the off time between pulses. To do this you must program another step. For a voltage list, you must specify an amplitude and an off time. For example, to program an off time of 2 seconds with an amplitude of 0 V between pulses, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Transient\List\Config**.
Select List Step 1 and enter a voltage value of 0. Press Select.
Enter a dwell value of 2 for List Step 1 and Press Select.
	To program output 1, use
	`LIST:VOLT 15,0, (@1)`
	`LIST:DWEL 1,2, (@1)`

Step 5. To generate a pulse train, you can simply repeat the pulse as needed. For example, to program a pulse train of 50 pulses, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Repeat**. Enter the number of list repetitions (50) and Press Select.	To program output 1, use `LIST:COUN 50, (@1)`

Step 6. Specify if you want the output pulse to generate a trigger signal that can be used to trigger actions on other output channels or on any external equipment connected to the digital port. For example, to generate a trigger signal at the end of the pulse, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Config**. Select List Step 0 and check the Tout Step box. Press Select.	To program a trigger at the End of the pulse for output 1, use `LIST:TOUT:EOST 1,0, (@1)` You must program a value of 0 (no trigger) for step 1 as a placeholder.

Step 7. Specify the output state after the pulse has completed. For example, to return the output to the state it was in before the pulse, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Terminate**. Select Return to Start. Press Select.	To program output 1, use `LIST:TERM:LAST 0, (@1)`

Step 8. Select the trigger source that will generate the pulse or pulse train. For example, to select Bus triggers as the trigger source, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\TrigSource**. Select Bus and press Select.	To program output 1, use: `TRIG:TRAN:SOUR BUS, (@1)`

Step 9. Initiate the transient trigger system. To enable the trigger system for one transient event or trigger use:

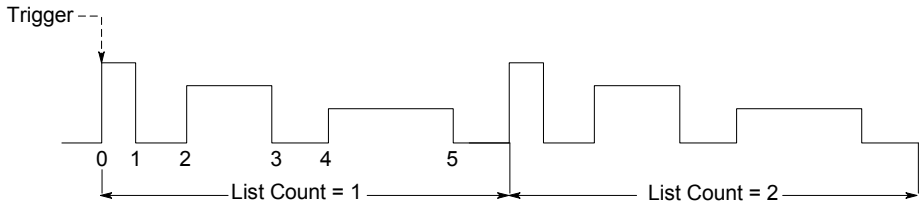
Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select the **Transient\Control**. Select Initiate and Press Select.	To program output 1, use `INIT:TRAN (@1)`

Step 10. Trigger the output pulse or pulse train.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\Control**. Select Trigger and Press Select.	`*TRG`

Program an Arbitrary List

The following procedure shows how to generate the list of voltage changes as illustrated in the following figure.



Step 1. Set the function, voltage or current, for which you want to generate a list to List mode. This example programs a voltage list.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\Mode**. Set the Voltage mode to List. Press Select.	To program output 1, use `VOLT:MODE LIST, (@1)`

Step 2. Program the list of values for the List function. The order in which the values are entered determines the order in which the values will be output. To generate the voltage list shown in the figure, a list may include the following values: `9, 0, 6, 0, 3, 0`

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Config**. Select the List Step number and enter a voltage value. Press Select. Repeat this for each step. Use the ⬆ ⬇ keys to select the next step.	To program output 1, use `LIST:VOLT 9,0,6,0,3,0, (@1)`

Step 3. Determine the time interval, in seconds, that the output remains at each step in the list before it advances to the next step. To specify the six dwell intervals in the figure, a list may include the following values: `2, 3, 5, 3, 7, 3`

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Config**. Select the List Step number and enter a dwell value. Press Select. Repeat this for each step. Use the ⬆ ⬇ keys to select the next step.	To program output 1, use `LIST:DWEL 2,3,5,3,7,3, (@1)`

NOTE The number of dwell steps must equal the number of voltage steps. If a dwell list has only one value, that value will be applied to all steps in the list.

Step 4. Determine how the list is paced. To pace the list by dwell time, set the list pacing to Dwell-paced on the front panel menu. (Set the LIST:STEP command to AUTO.) As each dwell time elapses, the next step is immediately output.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Pace**. Select Dwell-paced. Press Select.	`LIST:STEP AUTO, (@1)`

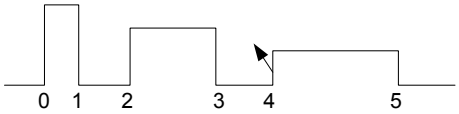
In a trigger-paced list, the list advances one step for each trigger received. To enable trigger-paced lists, select Trigger-paced on the front panel menu. (Set the LIST:STEP command to ONCE.)

The dwell time associated with each step determines the minimum time that the output remains at the step. If a trigger is received before the dwell time completes, the trigger is ignored. To ensure that no triggers are lost in a trigger-paced list, set the dwell time to zero.

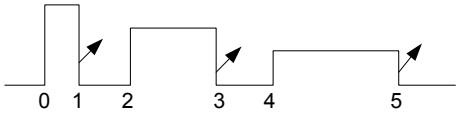
Step 5. Specify if you want the list to generate trigger signals that can be used to trigger actions on other output channels or on external equipment connected to the digital port.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Transient\List\Config**.
Select the List Step number.
To generate a trigger, enter a 1 in the Tout Begin Step or Tout End Step field. If a zero is entered, no trigger is generated for the step.
Repeat this for each step. Use the ⬆ ⬇ keys to select the next step.
	To program a trigger at the beginning of step 4 for output 1, use
	`LIST:TOUT:BOST 0,0,0,0,1,0, @(1)`
	To program a trigger at the end of step 0, 2, and 4 for output 1, use
	`LIST:TOUT:EOST 1,0,1,0,1,0, (@1)`



Trigger at BOST



Trigger at EOST

Step 6. Specify how you want the list to terminate. For example, if you want the list to remain at the values of the last list step when finished, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Transient\List\Terminate**. Select Stop Last Step. Press Select.	To program output 1, use `LIST:TERM:LAST 1, (@1)`

Step 7. If applicable, specify how many times you want the list to repeat. Sending the INFinity parameter in the SCPI command makes the list repeat indefinitely. At reset, the list count is set to 1.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select the **Transient\List\Repeat**. Enter the number of list repetitions (2) and Press Select.	To program the output 1 list to repeat 2 times, use `LIST:COUN 2, (@1)`

Step 8. Select a trigger source, initiate, and trigger the list. This is described in detail under "Synchronizing Output Steps".

Making Measurements

Each output channel has its own measurement capability. The output voltage and current is measured by acquiring a number of samples at the selected time interval, applying a window function to the samples, and *averaging* the samples.

The power-on and *RST time interval and number of samples settings yield a measurement time of 21 milliseconds per reading (1024 data points at 20.48 µs intervals). The output windowing function is Rectangular. Use the following commands to make a measurement:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select the Meter key.	To measure average voltage or current:
	`MEAS:VOLT?(@1)`
	`MEAS:CURR?(@1)`

Measurement Ranges

Some models have multiple voltage and current measurement ranges. (Refer to Chapter 1, "Model Differences"). Selecting a lower measurement range provides greater measurement accuracy, provided the measurement does not exceed the range.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Measure\Range**. Select a range and press Select.	`SENS:CURR:RANG 0.1, (@1)` `SENS:VOLT:RANG 5, (@1)`

The maximum measurable current is the maximum rating of the range. If the measurement exceeds the range, an "Overload" error will occur. Examples of programming measurement ranges are:

3.06 A range	To select, program values > 0.1 A and ≤ 3.06 A.
0.10 A range	To select, program values > 200 µA and ≤ 0.1 A.
200 µA range (option 2UA)	To select, program values ≤ 200 µA.

Seamless Measurements

For Agilent Models N6781A and N6782A only, you can select seamless voltage or current measurements. The **Auto** selection provides seamless measurement ranging, which results in a wide dynamic range with no data being lost across ranges. Autoranging does not include the 10 µA range, which must be selected manually.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To select seamless current autoranging on channel 1: `SENS:CURR:RANG AUTO, (@1)`

Simultaneous Voltage and Current Measurements

Some models have simultaneous voltage and current measurement capability (Refer to Chapter 1, "Model Differences"). In this case BOTH voltage and current can be acquired on any measurement.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Not available.	Select the measurement function:
	`SENS:FUNC:VOLT ON,(@1)`
	`SENS:FUNC:CURR ON,(@1)`
	Initiate and trigger the measurement system:
	`INIT:ACQ (@1)`
	`TRIG:ACQ (@1)`
	Fetch the voltage and current measurement:
	`FETC:VOLT? (@1)`
	`FETC:CURR? (@1)`

Auxiliary Voltage Measurements

NOTE The following information only applies to Agilent Model N6781A.

The Agilent N6781A has an auxiliary voltage measurement input, whose primary use is for battery voltage rundown measurements. It may also be suitable for other applications including general purpose DC voltage measurements between +/-25 VDC. The auxiliary voltage measurement input is isolated from other commons. It has a bandwidth of about 2 kHz. It has one input range: −25 to +25 VDC.

Auxiliary voltage measurements cannot be made along with output voltage measurements. When the auxiliary voltage measurement input is selected, the voltage measurement input will be switched to the Aux Voltage inputs on the Agilent N6781A instead of the normal + and − sense terminals.

To enable auxiliary voltage measurements:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Measure\Input**.
Select Auxiliary and press Select.
Select Main to reconnect the voltage measurement input to the output terminals.
	To enable auxiliary measurements:
	`SENS:FUNC:VOLT:INP AUX,(@1)`
	Take the auxiliary voltage measurement:
	`MEAS:VOLT? (@1)`

NOTE When the auxiliary voltage measurement terminals are left unconnected, the front panel meter will indicate a voltage reading of approximately 1.6V. This is a normal indication which does not affect the voltage measurement once the auxiliary measurement terminals are connected.

Using the Digitizer

NOTE The Digitizer function described in this section is not available on all models. Refer to Chapter 1, "Model Differences".

The digitizer function lets you access the enhanced voltage and current measurement capabilities of the power system. You can:

- Specify a measurement function and range
- Adjust the measurement sample rate - to a maximum of 200 kHz per channel for Agilent N678xA power modules.
- Adjust measurement triggers to capture pre-trigger transients.
- Select a measurement window that can attenuate AC noise.
- Retrieve arrays of the digitized current or voltage measurement.
- Synchronize measurements using trigger signals.

Programming the Digitizer

Select the Measurement Function and Range

The following commands select a measurement function. To enable the measurement function, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Not Available	To enable voltage measurements on channel 1:
	`SENS:FUNC:VOLT ON, (@1)`
	To enable current measurements on channel 2:
	`SENS:FUNC:CURR ON, (@2)`

If a power module has simultaneous measurements (see chapter 1, "Power Module Features"), you can enable BOTH voltage and current measurements on the same output channel.

Some power modules also have multiple measurement ranges. Selecting a lower measurement range provides greater measurement accuracy, provided that the measurement does not exceed the range. To select lower measurement ranges, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Measure\Range**.
Select the lower measurement range from the voltage or current dropdown menu. Then press Select.
	To set the 5 V measurement range:
	`SENS:VOLT:RANG 5, (@1)`
	To set the 1 A measurement range:
	`SENS:CURR:RANG 1, (@1)`

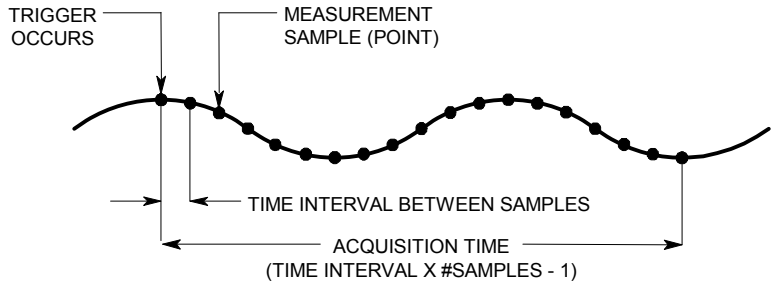
Seamless Measurement

For Agilent Models N6781A and N6782A only, you can select seamless voltage or current measurements. The **Auto** selection provides seamless measurement ranging, which results in a wide dynamic range with no data being lost across ranges. Autoranging does not include the 10 µA range, which must be selected manually.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To select seamless current Autoranging: `SENS:CURR:RANG AUTO, (@1)`

Adjust the Measurement Sample Rate

The following figure illustrates the relationship between measurement samples (or points), and the time interval between samples in a typical measurement.



You can vary the measurement data sampling rate as follows:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Measure\Sweep**.
Enter the points and press Select.
Scroll to Time Interval, enter a value and press Select again.
	For example, to set the time interval to 60µs* with 4096 samples, use:
	`SENS:SWE:TINT 60E-6, (@1)`
	`SENS:SWE:POIN 4096, (@1)`

The shortest time interval (fastest speed) that can be specified depends on the number of parameters that are being measured and the model that is doing the measuring. The default time interval at power-on for all measurements is 20.48 microseconds. Time intervals above 20.48 are rounded to the nearest multiple of 20.48.

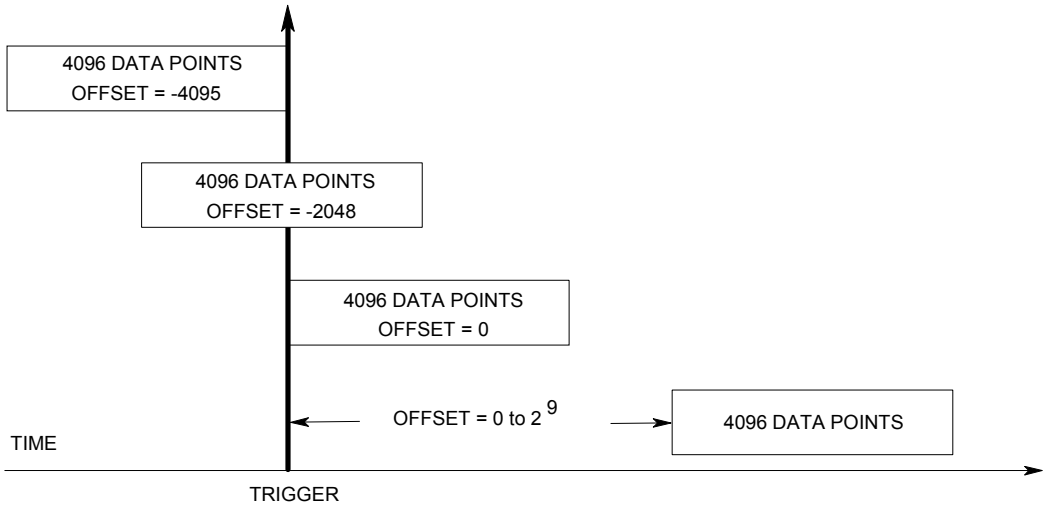
1 parameter (N678xA only)	5.12 microseconds
1 or 2 parameters (all modules)	10.24 microseconds
3 or 4 parameters (all modules)	20.48 microseconds

The maximum number of sample points that are available for all measurements is 512 K points.

If you specify a voltage measurement with 500 K points on channel 1 for example, you will only have 12 K points available for all other measurements.

Acquire Pre-trigger Data

The measurement system lets you capture data before, after, or at the trigger signal. As shown in the following figure, you can move the block of data being read into the acquisition buffer with reference to the trigger. This allows pre- or post-trigger data sampling.



To offset the beginning of the acquisition buffer relative to the acquisition trigger, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Measure\Sweep**. Enter an offset value and press Select.	To offset the measurement on channel 1 by 100 points use: `SENS:SWE:OFFS:POIN 100,(@1)`

When the value is 0, all values are taken after the trigger. Values greater than 0 can be used to program a delay time from the receipt of the trigger until the values entered into the buffer are valid. (Delay time = offset x sample period). Negative values let you acquire samples prior to the trigger.

NOTE If, during a pre-trigger data acquisition, a trigger occurs before the pre-trigger data count is completed, the measurement system ignores this trigger. This will prevent the completion of the measurement if another trigger is not generated.

Specify a Window Function

Windowing is a signal conditioning process that reduces the error in average measurements made in the presence of periodic signals and noise. Two window functions are available: Rectangular and Hanning. At power-on, the measurement window is Rectangular.

The Rectangular window calculates average measurements without any signal conditioning. However, in the presence of periodic signals such AC line ripple, a Rectangular window can introduce errors

when calculating average measurements. This can occur when a non-integral number of cycles of data has been acquired due to the last partial cycle of acquired data.

One way of dealing with AC line ripple is to use a Hanning window. The Hanning window applies a $\cos^4$ weighting function to the data when calculating average measurements. This attenuates the AC noise in the measurement window. The best attenuation is achieved when at least three or more waveform cycles are in the measurement.

To select a window function, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Measure\Window**. Then select either Rectangular or Hanning and press Select.	To set the sense window to Hanning for output 1 use: `SENS:WIND HANN, (@1)`

Measure and Retrieve Array Data

Array queries return all values in the voltage and current measurement buffer. No averaging is applied, only raw data is returned from the buffer. The following commands initiate and trigger a measurement and return the measurement array:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	`MEAS:ARR:VOLT?(@1)` `MEAS:ARR:CURR?(@1)`

NOTE When a remote interface measurement is in progress, the front panel display may indicate "-- -- -- -- --". Front panel measurements resume when the remote measurement completes.

Once a measurement finishes, you may wish to retrieve the array data without initiating a new measurement. Use FETCh queries to return the array data from the last measurement. Fetch queries do not alter the data in the measurement buffer. The commands are:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	`FETC:ARR:VOLT?(@1)` `FETC:ARR:CURR?(@1)`

If a FETCh query is sent before the measurement is started or before it is finished, the response will be delayed until the measurement trigger occurs and the acquisition completes. This may tie up the computer if the measurement trigger does not occur immediately. You can test the MEAS_active bit in the operation status register to know when the measurement has completed as explained in the following section.

Synchronizing Digitizer Measurements

Use the measurement trigger system to synchronize the acquisition of measurements with a Bus, Transient, or an external trigger. Then use FETCh commands to return voltage or current information from the acquired data. Briefly, to make a triggered measurement:

1. Select the measurement function to trigger.
2. Select the trigger source.
3. Initiate the trigger system and generate a trigger.
4. Fetch the triggered measurements.

Select the Measurement Function to Trigger

The following commands select a measurement function.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Not Available	To select the voltage measurement function:
	`SENS:FUNC:VOLT ON,(@1)`
	To select the current measurement function:
	`SENS:FUNC:CURR ON,(@1)`

Some power modules have two measurement converters, which allow simultaneous voltage and current measurements (Refer to Chapter 1, "Model Differences"). In that case, BOTH voltage and current measurements can be enabled. If a power module has only one converter, the parameter that it measures (either voltage or current) must be specified.

Select the Measurement Trigger Source

NOTE An immediate trigger command over the bus will generate an immediate trigger regardless of the trigger source.

Unless you are using a TRIGger:ACQuire command to trigger the measurement, select a trigger source from the following:

Bus Selects GPIB device trigger, *TRG, or <GET> (Group Execute Trigger).

Pin<n> Selects a pin on the external port connector as the trigger source. <n> specifies the pin number. The selected pin must be configured as a Trigger Input in order to be used as a trigger source (see Appendix B).

Transient<n> Selects the output channel's transient system as the trigger source. <n> specifies the channel. When you select a channel, you must also set up that channel's transient system to generate a trigger out signal. See "Generate Trigger Out Signals" and "Program an Arbitrary List" earlier in this chapter.

Ext Selects any pin configured as a trigger input as the trigger source.

Use the following commands to select a trigger source:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Not Available	To select Bus triggers for output 1:
	`TRIG:ACQ:SOUR BUS,(@1)`
	To select a Digital pin as the trigger:
	`TRIG:ACQ:SOUR PIN<n>,(@1)`
	To select a Transient output as trigger:
	`TRIG:ACQ:SOUR TRAN<n>,(@1)`
	where n is the output channel that will generate the trigger signal.

Initiate the Measurement Trigger System

Next, you must initiate or enable the measurement trigger system.

When the power system is turned on, the trigger system is in the idle state. In this state, the trigger system is disabled, ignoring all triggers. The INITiate commands enable the trigger system to receive triggers. To initiate the trigger system, use:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To initiate the measurement trigger system: `INIT:ACQ (@1)`

It takes a few milliseconds for the instrument to be ready to receive a trigger signal after receiving the INITiate:ACQuire command, and it can take longer for Agilent Models N678xA.

If a trigger occurs before the trigger system is ready for it, the trigger will be ignored. You can test the WTG_meas bit in the operation status register to know when the instrument is ready to receive a trigger after being initiated.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To query the WTG_meas bit (bit 3): `STAT:OPER:COND?(@1)`

If a bit value of 8 is returned in the query, the WTG_meas bit is true, and the instrument is ready to receive the trigger signal. Refer to the N6700 Programmer's Reference Help file for more information.

NOTE It will be necessary to initiate the measurement trigger system each time a triggered measurement is desired.

Trigger the Measurement

The trigger system is waiting for a trigger signal in the initiated state. You can immediately trigger the measurement as follows:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To generate a measurement trigger on output 1: `TRIG:ACQ (@1)` Alternatively, if the trigger source is BUS, you can also program a *TRG or an IEEE-488 <get> command.

As previously discussed, a trigger can also be generated by another output channel or an input pin on the digital port connector. If any of these systems are configured as the trigger source, the instrument will wait indefinitely for the trigger signal. If the trigger does not occur, you must manually return the trigger system to the idle state.

The following commands return the trigger system to the idle state:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Measure\Control**. Then select the Abort control.	`ABOR:ACQ (@1)`

Fetch the Measurement

After a trigger is received and the data acquisition completes, the trigger system will return to the idle state. When this occurs, you can use FETCh queries to return the measurement data.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Not Available	To return the voltage measurement:
	`FETC:VOLT (@1)`
	To return the current measurement:
	`FETC:CURR (@1)`

If a FETCh query is sent before the measurement is finished, the response will be delayed until the measurement trigger occurs and the acquisition completes. You can test the MEAS_active bit in the operation status register to know when the measurement trigger system has returned to the idle state.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Not Available	To query the MEAS_active bit (bit 5): `STAT:OPER:COND?(@1)`

If a bit value of 32 is returned in the query, the MEAS_active bit is true, and the measurement is NOT complete. When the MEAS_active bit is false, you can retrieve the measurement. Refer to the N6700 Programmer's Reference Help file for more information.

Using the Protection Functions

Each output has independent protection functions. A front panel status indicator will turn on when a protection function has been set. Protection functions are latching, which means that they must be cleared once they have been set. As explained under “Couple Output Protection” you can configure the instrument so that when a protection fault occurs on one output, ALL outputs will be turned off.

Of the following protection functions, only OV, OV-, OC, OSC, PROT, and INH are user- programmable.

OV Over-voltage protection is a hardware OVP whose trip level is a programmable value. The OVP is always enabled.

OV– Negative over-voltage protection is a hardware OVP whose trip level is a programmable value. Only applies to Agilent N678xA.

OC Over-current protection is a programmable function that can be enabled or disabled. When enabled, the output will be disabled when the output current teaches the current limit setting.

OT Over-temperature protection monitors the temperature of each output and shuts down the output if any temperature exceeds the maximum factory-defined limits.

OSC Oscillation protection shuts down the output if an oscillation is detected on the output. Only applies to Agilent N678xA.

PF PF indicates that a power fail condition on the AC mains has disabled the output.

CP+ CP+ indicates that a positive power limit condition has disabled the output. This protection function does not apply to all power modules. Refer to Appendix C for further information.

CP– CP– indicates that a negative power limit condition has disabled the output. This protection function does not apply to all power modules. Refer to Appendix C for further information.

PROT Prot indicates that the output is disabled, either because of a coupled protection signal from another output, or because the programmed output watchdog time has expired.

INH The **Inhibit** input (pin 3) on the rear panel digital connector can be programmed to act as an external shutdown signal. Refer to Appendix B for further information.

Set the Over-Voltage Protection

The over-voltage protection function turns off the affected output if the output voltage reaches the programmed over-voltage limit. The output voltage is monitored at the + output and – output terminals. On Agilent N678xA models, the output voltage is monitored at the + sense and – sense terminals. This allows for more precise over-voltage monitoring directly at the load.

Units with **Option J01** have tracking OVP in addition to the standard overvoltage protection. It lets you set an overvoltage protection limit that is an offset from the programmed voltage. The tracking OVP threshold automatically tracks the programmed output setting. The output voltage is monitored at the + sense and – sense terminals.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Protect\OVP**.
Enter a value in the OVP level box and press Select.
For J01 units, enter a value in the Tracking OVP Offset box, check the Enable box, and then press Select.
	To set an OVP of 10 V for output 1:
	`VOLT:PROT 10,(@1,2)`
	For Models N678xA:
	`VOLT:PROT:REM 10,(@1,2)`
	To enable tracking OVP for output 1:
	`VOLT:PROT:TRAC ON,(@1)`
	To set the tracking offset for output 1:
	`VOLT:PROT:TRAC:OFFS 2,(@1)`

For Agilent Model N6784A, you can also program a negative over-voltage value. Enter the value in the -OVP field. Also, Agilent Models N678xA have a back-up local OVP function. Refer to "Over-voltage Protection" in chapter 2 for a description of this feature.

Set the Over-Current Protection

When over-current protection is enabled, the power system turns off the output if the output current reaches the current limit setting and transitions from CV to CC mode.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Protect\OCP**. Check Enable OCP and press Select.	To enable OCP for outputs 1 and 2: `CURR:PROT:STAT 1,(@1,2)`

You can also specify an OCP delay to prevent momentary CV-to-CC status changes from tripping the over-current protection. The power system may momentarily transition into CC mode when it is turned on, when an output value is programmed, or when the output load is connected. In most cases these temporary conditions would not be considered an over-current protection fault, and having an OCP condition disable the output when the CC status bit is set would be a nuisance. Specifying an OCP delay lets the OCP circuit ignore the CC status bit during the specified delay period. Once the OCP delay time has expired and if the CC mode persists, the output will shut down.

The delay can be programmed from 0 to 0.255 seconds. You can specify if the OCP delay timer is started by *any* transition of the output into CC mode, or only at the end of a *settings* change in voltage, current, or output state.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Protect\OCP**.
Enter a delay value and press Select.
Check "Start delay on CC" to start the delay timer by ANY output transition into CC mode. Otherwise, the delay timer will only be started by a settings change in voltage, current, or output state.
	To specify a 10 millisecond delay:
	`OUTP:PROT:DEL 0.01,(@1)`
	To start the delay timer by ANY output transition into CC mode:
	`CURR:PROT:DEL:STAR CCTR, (@1)`
	To start the delay timer by a settings change in voltage current or output:
	`CURR:PROT:DEL:STAR SCH, (@1)`

Factors that influence how long the settings change or output load change may last include: difference between old output value and new output value, the current limit setting, and the load capacitance in CV mode or load inductance in CC mode. The delay required must be determined empirically; the power module programming-response time characteristics may be used as guidelines.

Note that the time it takes the output to go into CC mode varies - depending on the magnitude of the over-current condition compared to the current limit setting. For example, if the over-current is only slightly greater than the current limit setting, it may take several tens of milliseconds, depending on the power module type, for the output to set the CC status bit. If the over-current is significantly greater than the current limit setting, it may only take a few milliseconds or less, depending on power module type, for the output to set the CC status bit. To determine when the output will shut down, you must add the time it takes for the CC status bit to the over-current protection delay time. If the over-current persists beyond the sum of these two time intervals, the output will shut down.

Couple Output Protection

Protection coupling lets you disable all output channels when a protection condition occurs on a single output channel. To couple output protection:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Protect\Couple**. Check the Enable Coupling box and press Select.	To enable output protection coupling: `OUTP:PROT:COUP ON`

Output Watchdog Timer

The output watchdog timer causes all outputs to go into protection mode if there is no SCPI I/O activity on the remote interfaces (USB, LAN, GPIB) within the user-specified time period. Note that the watchdog timer function is NOT reset by activity on the front panel or when using the Web server – the outputs will still shut down after the time period has elapsed..

After the time period has expired, the outputs will be disabled, but the programmed output state is not changed. The PROT bit in the status questionable register as well as the PROT indicator on the front panel will be set.

The watchdog delay can be programmed from 1 to 3600 seconds in 1 second increments. As shipped from the factory, the watchdog timer is set to disable the outputs 60 seconds after all IO activity has ceased.

The watchdog state and delay settings are volatile, but can be saved and recalled as part of the instrument state. A watchdog protect can be cleared as described under “Clear Output Protection Functions”.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **Protect\Wdog**
Check Enable Watchdog to enable the watchdog timer.
Enter a value in the Watchdog Delay box and press Select.
	To enable the output watchdog timer:
	`OUTP:PROT:WDOG ON`
	To set the output watchdog timer to 600 seconds:
	`OUTP:PROT:WDOG:DEL 600`

Set the Oscillation Protection

NOTE This information applies to Agilent Model N678xA only.

If open sense leads or capacitive loads outside the allowable range cause the output to oscillate, the oscillation protection function detects the oscillation and latches the output off. The condition is annunciated on the front panel by the OSC status annunciator.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Protect\OSC**. Check the OSC box and press Select.	To enable oscillation protection for output 1: `VOLT:PROT:OSC ON,(@1,2)`

Clear Output Protection Functions

If an over-voltage, over-current, over-temperature, power-fail condition, power-limit condition, protection condition, or inhibit signal occurs, the power system turns off the affected output channel. The appropriate operating status indicator on the front panel will be on. To clear the protection function and restore normal operation, first remove that condition that caused the protection fault. Then, clear the protection function as follows:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Protect\Clear**. Select the Clear button.	To clear a protection fault on output 1: `OUTP:PROT:CLE(@1)`

System-Related Operations

Self-Test

A *power-on* self-test occurs automatically when you turn on the power system. This test assures you that the instrument is operational. If the self-test is successful, the power system will continue to operate normally. If the self-test fails, the front panel **Err** indicator comes on. Press the Error key to display the list of errors on the front panel. Refer to the Service Guide for further information.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Cycle AC power.	`*TST?`

Instrument Identification

For Agilent N6700 mainframes, you can return the model number, serial number, firmware revision, backup and active firmware. For power modules, you can return the model number, serial number, installed options, voltage, current and power rating.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **System\About\Frame**.
or
Select **System\About\Module**.
	`*IDN?`
	`SYST:CHAN:MOD? (@1)`
	`SYST:CHAN:OPT? (@1)`
	`SYST:CHAN:SER? (@1)`

Instrument State Storage

The power system has two storage locations in non-volatile memory to store instrument states. The locations are numbered 0 and 1. Any state previously stored in the same location will be overwritten.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **States\SaveRecall**.
In the SaveRecall field, enter a location from 0 to 1, and press Select. Select Save to save the state or Recall to recall a state.
	To save a state:
	`*SAV <n>`
	To recall a state:
	`*RCL <n>`

When shipped from the factory, the power system is configured to automatically recall the reset (*RST) settings at power-on. However, you can configure the power system to use the settings stored in memory location 0 at power-on.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **States\PowerOn**. Select Recall State 0, then press Select.	`OUTP:PON:STAT RCL0`

Output Groups

NOTE Output grouping does not apply to Agilent N678xA power modules.

Output channels can be configured or "grouped" to create a single output with higher current and power capability. Almost all instrument functionality is supported by grouped channels, including voltage and current programming, measurements, status, step and list transients. The following conditions apply for grouped channels:

- Up to four output channels can be grouped per mainframe.
- Output channels that are grouped must also be connected in parallel as described in Chapter 2.
- Grouped channels do not have to be adjacent, but they must have identical model numbers and options installed.
- The maximum output current is the sum of the maximum of each channel in the group.
- Low current measurement ranges should not be used with grouped channels, otherwise a measurement overload error will occur. Low current output ranges, however, *can* be used.
- Over-current protection delay has a slightly slower response time (~10 ms) and slightly less resolution than an ungrouped channel.
- When output channels have been grouped, they are addressed using the channel number of the **lowest** channel in the group.
- Power limiting should not be used when Agilent N673xB, N674xB, and N677xA power modules are grouped. Refer to Appendix C.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Groups**. In the matrix that appears, select the channels you want to group. Each row defines a separate group.	To configure a group of channels: `SYST:GRO:DEF (@2,3,4)` This groups channels 2 through 4. To address the group, use channel 2.

To return grouped channels back to an ungrouped state, first remove the parallel connections between channels and proceed as follows:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Groups**. In the matrix, place each output channel in its own separate group.	To ungroup all channels: `SYST:GRO:DEL:ALL`

Reboot the unit for the grouping or ungrouping changes to take effect.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Cycle AC power.	`SYST:REB`

Front Panel Keys

Lockout

You can lock the front panel keys to prevent unwanted control of the instrument from the front panel. This is the most secure way of locking the front panel keys because you need a password to unlock the front panel. The lockout setting is saved in non-volatile memory so that the front panel remains locked even after AC power is cycled.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Preferences\Lock** In the dialog box, enter the password to unlock the front panel. Then select Lock. The menu to unlock the front panel appears every time a key is pressed. Enter the password to unlock the front panel.	Not Available

NOTE If the password is lost, the SYSTem:PASSword:FPANel:RESet command can reset the front panel lockout password. Refer to the Programmer's Reference Help file on your Agilent N6700 Product Reference CD for more information.

The SYSTem:COMMunicate:RLSTate RWLock command can also lock and unlock the front panel. This command is completely independent of the front panel lockout function. If you use this command to lock the front panel, the front panel will be unlocked when AC power is cycled.

Keys

You can enable or disable the front panel key clicks.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Preferences\Keys** Check Enable key clicks to enable key clicks. Uncheck to disable key clicks.	Not Available

You can configure the On/Off key to enable or disable ALL outputs.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Preferences\Keys**. Check On/Off key affects all channels. The ON/Off key will now be active on ALL channels.	Not Available

Front Panel Display

Screen Saver

The power system has a front panel screen saver that significantly increases the life of the LCD display by turning it off during periods of inactivity. The delay can be set from 30 to 999 minutes in 1 minute increments. As shipped from the factory, the screen saver comes on one hour after activity on the front panel or interface has ceased.

When the screen saver is active, the front panel display turns off, and the LED next to the Line switch changes from green to amber. To restore the front panel display, simply press one of the front panel keys. The first action of the key turns the display on. Subsequently, the key will revert to its normal function.

If the Wake on I/O function is selected, the display is restored whenever there is activity on the remote interface. This also resets the timer on the screen saver. As shipped, Wake on I/O is active.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Preferences\Display\Saver** Enable or disable the screen saver by checking or unchecking the Screen Saver checkbox. Then Press Select. Enter a value in minutes in the Saver Delay field to specify the time when the screen saver will activate. Check Wake on I/O to activate the display with I/O bus activity.	Not Available.

Contrast

You can set the contrast of the front panel display to compensate for ambient lighting conditions. The contrast can be set from 0% to 100% in increments of 1%. As-shipped, the contrast is set to 50%.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Preferences\Display\Contrast** Enter a contrast value in the Contrast box. Then Press Select.	Not Available.

View

You can specify how the output channels are displayed at turn on.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **System\Preferences\Display\View** Check 1-channel to display channel one. Check 4-channel to display all channels.	To display all channels: `DISP:VIEW METER4`

Appendix A
Specifications

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This chapter lists the specifications and supplemental characteristics of the Agilent N6700 Modular Power System. A dimensional line drawing of the mainframe is included at the end of the chapter.

Unless otherwise noted, specifications are warranted over the ambient temperature range of 0 to 55°C after a 30-minute warm-up period. Specifications apply at the output terminals, with each power module's sense terminals externally jumpered directly to their respective output terminals (local sensing).

Refer to the Agilent N6700 Service Guide for the setup conditions for all power module specifications.

NOTE Complete specifications and supplemental characteristics information for all power modules are included in the Agilent N6700 Series Power Modules Specifications Guide. This document is available on the Agilent N6700 Product Reference CD that is shipped along with your instrument as well as on the web at www.agilent.com/find/N6700.

Supplemental characteristics are not warranted but are descriptions of performance determined either by design or type testing. All supplemental characteristics are typical unless otherwise noted.

Agilent Models N6731B - N6736B, N6741B - N6746B

Performance Specifications

	N6731B/ N6741B	N6732B/ N6742B	N6733B/ N6743B	N6734B/ N6744B	N6735B/ N6745B	N6736B/ N6746B
DC Output Ratings:						
Voltage	5 V	8 V	20 V	35 V	60 V	100 V
Current [NOTE 1]	10 A / 20 A	6.25 A / 12.5 A [NOTE 2]	2.5 A / 5 A	1.5 A / 3 A	0.8 A / 1.6 A	0.5 A / 1 A
Power	50 W / 100 W	50 W / 100 W	50 W / 100 W	52.5W / 105W	50 W / 100 W	50 W / 100 W
Output Ripple and Noise (PARD): (from 20 Hz – 20 MHz)						
CV peak-to- peak	10 mV / 20 mV	12 mV	14 mV	15 mV	25 mV	30 mV
CV rms	2 mV	2 mV	3 mV	5 mV	9 mV	18 mV
Load Effect (Regulation): (Applies for any output load change, with a maximum load-lead drop of 1V/lead. The load lead drop reduces the maximum available voltage at the load.)						
Voltage	5 mV	6 mV	9 mV	11 mV	13 mV / 16 mV	20 mV / 30 mV
Current	2 mA	2 mA	2 mA	2 mA	2 mA	2 mA
Source Effect (Regulation):						
Voltage	1 mV	2 mV	2 mV	4 mV	6 mV	10 mV
Current	1 mA	1 mA	1 mA	1 mA	1 mA	1 mA
Programming Accuracy: (@ 23 °C ±5 °C after 30 minute warm-up. Applies from minimum to maximum programming range at any load.)						
Voltage	0.1% + 19 mV	0.1% + 19 mV	0.1% + 20 mV	0.1% + 35 mV	0.1% + 60 mV	0.1% +100 mV
Current	0.15% + 20 mA	0.15% + 20 mA	0.15% + 20 mA	0.15% + 20 mA	0.15% + 20 mA	0.15% + 10mA
Voltmeter/Ammeter Measurement Accuracy: (at 23 °C ±5 °C)						
Voltage	0.1% + 20 mV	0.1% + 20 mV	0.1% + 20 mV	0.1% + 35 mV	0.1% + 60 mV	0.1% +100 mV
Current	0.15% + 20 mA	0.15% + 10 mA	0.15% + 5 mA	0.15% + 4 mA	0.15% + 4 mA	0.15% + 2 mA
Load Transient Recovery Time: (time to recover to within the settling band following a load change from 50% to 100% and from 100% to 50% of full load.)						
Voltage settling band	±0.08 V / 0.1 V [NOTE 3]	±0.08 V / 0.1 V [NOTE 3]	± 0.2 V / 0.3 V	± 0.2 V / 0.3 V	± 0.4 V / 0.5 V	± 0.5 V / 1.0 V
Time	< 200 µs	< 200 µs	< 200 µs	< 200 µs	< 200 µs	< 200 µs

[1] Output current is derated 1% per °C above 40°C.
[2] When relay Option 760 is installed on Model N6742B, the maximum output current will be limited to 10 A.
[3] When relay Option 760 or 761 is installed, the settling band is ±0.10V/0.125 V. Option 760 is not available on Model N6741B.

Agilent Models N6751A/N6752A, N6753A/N6754A, N6761A/N6762A

Performance Specifications

	N6751A / N6752A	N6753A	N6754A	N6761A / N6762A
DC Output Ratings:				
Voltage	50 V	20 V	60 V	50 V
Current (derated 1% per °C above 40°C)	5 A / 10A	50 A	20 A	1.5 A / 3 A
Power	50 W / 100 W	300 W	300 W	50 W / 100 W
Output Ripple and Noise (PARD): (from 20 Hz – 20 MHz)				
CV peak-to-peak	4.5 mV	5 mV	6 mV	4.5 mV
CV rms	0.35 mV	1 mV	1 mV	0.35 mV
Load Effect (Regulation): (Applies for any output load change, with a maximum load-lead drop of 1V/lead. The load lead drop reduces the maximum available voltage at the load.)				
Voltage	2 mV	2 mV	2 mV	0.5 mV
Current	2 mA	12 mA	5 mA	30 µA (@ 0 – 7 V) 65 µA (@ 7 – 50 V)
Source Effect (Regulation):				
Voltage	1 mV	0.5 mV	1.2 mV	0.5 mV
Current	1 mA	5 mA	2 mA	30 µA
Programming Accuracy: (@ 23 °C ±5 °C after 30 min. warm-up. Applies from minimum to maximum programming range at any load.)				
Voltage high range	0.06% + 19 mV	0.06% + 10 mV	0.06% + 25 mV	0.016% + 6 mV
Voltage low range (≤ 5.5 V)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.016% + 1.5 mV
Current high range	0.1% + 20 mA	0.1% + 30 mA	0.1% + 12 mA	0.04% + 200 µA
Current low range (≤ 100mA, @ 0 - 7 V)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.04% + 30 µA
(≤ 100mA, @ 7 - 50 V)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.04% + 55 µA
Measurement Accuracy: (at 23 °C ±5 °C)				
Voltage high range	0.05% + 20 mV	0.05% + 10 mV	0.05% + 25 mV	0.016% + 6 mV
Voltage low range (≤ 5.5 V)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.016% + 1.5 mV
Current high range	0.1% + 4 mA	0.1% + 30 mA	0.1% + 8 mA	0.04% + 160 µA
Current low range (≤ 100mA, @ 0 - 7 V)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.03% + 15 µA NOTE 1
(≤ 100mA, @ 7 - 50 V)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.03% + 55 µA
200 µA current range (Option 2UA)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.5% + 100 nA
Load Transient Recovery Time: (Time to recover to within the settling band following a load change - from 60% to 100% and from 100% to 60% of full load for models N6751A & N6761A - from 50% to 100% and from 100% to 50% of full load for models N6752A, N6762A, N6753A, & N6754A.)				
Voltage settling band	± 75 mV NOTE 2	± 30 mV NOTE 3	± 90 mV NOTE 4	± 75 mV
Time	< 100 µs	< 100 µs	< 100 µs	< 100 µs

[1] Applies when measuring 4096 data points (SENSe:SWEep:POINts = 4096).
[2] When relay option 761 is installed on Model N6752A, the settling band is ±125 mV.
[3] When relay option 760 or 761 is installed on Model N6753A, the settling band is ±200 mV.
[4] When relay option 760 or 761 is installed on Model N6754A, the settling band is ±350 mV.

Agilent Models N6773A - N6776A

Performance Specifications

	N6773A	N6774A	N6775A	N6776A
DC Output Ratings:				
Voltage	20 V	35 V	60 V	100 V
Current NOTE 1	15 A NOTE 2	8.5 A	5 A	3 A
Power	300 W	300W	300 W	300 W
Output Ripple and Noise (PARD): (from 20 Hz – 20 MHz)				
CV peak-to- peak	20 mV	22 mV	35 mV	45 mV
CV rms	3 mV	5 mV	9 mV	18 mV
Load Effect (Regulation): (Applies for any output load change, with a maximum load-lead drop of 1V/lead. The load lead drop reduces the maximum available voltage at the load.)				
Voltage	13 mV	16 mV	24 mV	45 mV
Current	6 mA	6 mA	6 mA	6 mA
Source Effect (Regulation):				
Voltage	2 mV	4 mV	6 mV	10 mV
Current	1 mA	1 mA	1 mA	1 mA
Programming Accuracy: (@ 23 °C ±5 °C after 30 minute warm-up. Applies from minimum to maximum programming range at any load.)				
Voltage	0.1% + 20 mV	0.1% + 35 mV	0.1% + 60 mV	0.1% +100 mV
Current	0.15% + 60 mA	0.15% + 60 mA	0.15% + 60 mA	0.15% + 30 mA
Voltmeter/Ammeter Measurement Accuracy: (at 23 °C ±5 °C)				
Voltage	0.1% + 20 mV	0.1% + 35 mV	0.1% + 60 mV	0.1% +100 mV
Current	0.15% + 15 mA	0.15% + 12 mA	0.15% + 12 mA	0.15% + 6 mA
Load Transient Recovery Time: (time to recover to within the settling band following a load change from 50% to 100% and from 100% to 50% of full load.)				
Voltage settling band	± 0.3 V NOTE 3	± 0.3 V NOTE 3	± 0.5 V	± 1.0 V
Time	< 250 µs	< 250 µs	< 250 µs	< 250 µs

[1] Output current is derated 1% per °C above 40°C.

[2] When relay Option 760 is installed on Model N6773A, the maximum output current will be limited to 10 A.

[3] When relay Option 760 or 761 is installed, the settling band is ±0.35 V.

Agilent Models N6781A, N6782A, N6784A

Performance Specifications

	N6781A	N6782A	N6784A
DC Output Ratings:			
Voltage	+ 20 V	+ 20 V	± 20 V
Current (derated 1% per °C above 30°C)	± 3 A	± 3 A	± 3 A
Power	20 W	20 W	20 W
N6781A Auxiliary Voltage Measurement Input:			
Voltage rating	± 20 V	N/A	N/A
Output Voltage Ripple & Noise (PARD) from 20 Hz – 20 MHz:			
(Measured at front panel terminals, with no load, in Voltage Priority mode. Output Bandwidth setting = Low)			
CV peak-to-peak	12 mV	12 mV	12 mV
CV rms	1.2 mV	1.2 mV	1.2 mV
Load Effect (Load regulation):			
(For any load change, based on a load lead drop 1.0 V. The load lead drop reduces the maximum available voltage at the load.)			
Voltage, 20 V range	700 µV	700 µV	700 µV
Voltage, 6 V range	400 µV	400 µV	400 µV
Current, 3 A range	100 µA	100 µA	100 µA
Current, 1 A range	50 µA	50 µA	50 µA
Current 300 mA range	50 µA	50 µA	N/A
Current 100 mA & 10 mA range [1]	N/A	N/A	1 µA
Source Effect (Line regulation):			
Voltage, all ranges	300 µV	300 µV	300 µV
Current, all ranges	60 µA	60 µA	60 µA
Programming Accuracy @ 23 °C ±5 °C:			
(After 30 minute warm-up; from minimum to maximum programming range at any load.)			
Voltage, 20 V range	0.025% + 1.8 mV	0.025% + 1.8 mV	0.025% + 1.8 mV
Voltage, 6V range	0.025% + 600 µV	0.025% + 600 µV	0.025% + 600 µV
Voltage 600 mV range [1]	0.025% + 200 µV	0.025% + 200 µV	0.025% + 200 µV
Current 3 A & 1 A range	0.04% + 300 µA	0.04% + 300 µA	0.04% + 300 µA
Current 300 mA range [1]	0.03% + 150 µA	0.03% + 150 µA	N/A
Current 100 mA range [1]	N/A	N/A	0.03% + 12 µA
Current 10 mA range [1]	N/A	N/A	0.025% + 5 µA
Resistance for 20 V, 1 A output range	0.1% + 3 mΩ	N/A	N/A
Resistance for 6 V, 3 A output range	0.1% + 1.5 mΩ	N/A	N/A
Measurement Accuracy @ 23 °C ±5 °C:			
Voltage 20 V range	0.025% + 1.2 mV	0.025% + 1.2 mV	0.025% + 1.2 mV
Voltage 1 V range	0.025% + 75 µV	0.025% + 75 µV	0.025% + 75 µV
Voltage 100 mV range	0.025% + 50 µV	0.025% + 50 µV	0.025% + 50 µV
Current 3 A range	0.03% + 250 µA	0.03% + 250 µA	0.03% + 250 µA
Current 100 mA range	0.025% + 10 µA	0.025% + 10 µA	0.025% + 10 µA
Current 1 mA range	0.025% + 100 nA (110 nA) [2]	0.025% + 100 nA (110 nA) [2]	0.025% + 100 nA (110 nA) [2]
Current 10 µA range	0.025% + 8 nA (20 nA) [2]	0.025% + 8 nA (20 nA) [2]	0.025% + 8 nA (20 nA) [2]
N6781A Auxiliary Voltage Measurement	0.025% + 5 mV	N/A	N/A
Load Transient Response Time in Voltage Priority mode:			
(Time to recover to within settling band for a load change from 0.1 A to 0.9 A in the 20 V range; from 0.1 A to 1.5 A in the 6 V range.)			
Settling band for 20 V, 1 A output range	± 10 mV	± 10 mV	± 10 mV
Settling band for 6 V, 3 A output range	± 20 mV	± 20 mV	± 20 mV
Recovery time	≤ 35 µs	≤ 35 µs	≤ 35 µs

[1] 600 mV range is only available in Voltage Priority mode; 300 mA, 100 mA, 10 mA ranges are only available in Current Priority mode.
[2] Values in parentheses apply when power modules are installed in Agilent N6705A mainframes.

Agilent N6700B, N6701A, N6702A MPS Mainframes

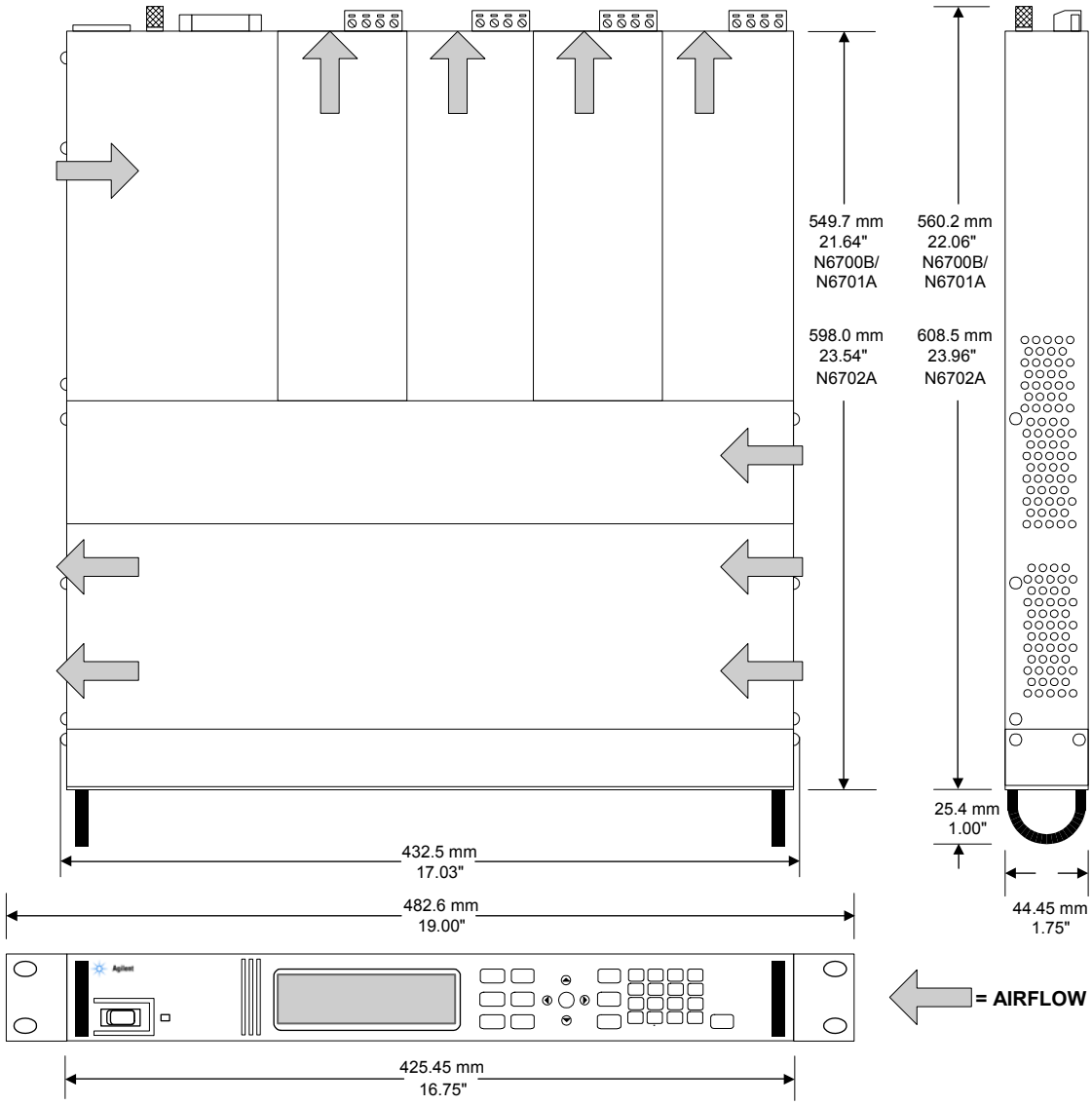
Supplemental Characteristics

	N6700B, N6701A, N6702A
Command Processing Time:	
	≤ 1 ms from receipt of command to start of output change
Protection Response Characteristics:	
INH input	5 μs from receipt of inhibit to start of shutdown
Fault on coupled outputs	< 10 μs from receipt of fault to start of shutdown
Digital Control Characteristics:	
Maximum voltage ratings	+16.5 VDC/– 5 VDC between pins (pin 8 is internally connected to chassis ground).
Pins 1 and 2 as FLT output	Maximum low-level output voltage = 0.5 V @ 4 mA Maximum low-level sink current = 4 mA Typical high-level leakage current = 1 mA @ 16.5 VDC
Pins 1 - 7 as digital/trigger outputs (pin 8 = common)	Maximum low-level output voltage = 0.5 V @ 4 mA; 1 V @ 50 mA; 1.75 V @ 100 mA Maximum low-level sink current = 100 mA Typical high-level leakage current = 0.8 mA @ 16.5 VDC
Pins 1 - 7 as digital/trigger inputs and pin 3 as INH input (pin 8 = common)	Maximum low-level input voltage = 0.8 V Minimum high-level input voltage = 2 V Typical low-level current = 2 mA @ 0 V (internal 2.2k pull-up) Typical high-level leakage current = 0.12 mA @ 16.5 VDC
Interface Capabilities:	
GPIB	SCPI - 1993, IEEE 488.2 compliant interface
LXI Compliance	Class C (only applies to units with LXI label on front panel)
USB 2.0	Requires Agilent IO Library version M.01.01 or 14.0 and up
10/100 LAN	Requires Agilent IO Library version L.01.01 or 14.0 and up
Built-in Web server	Requires Internet Explorer 5+ or Netscape 6.2+
Regulatory Compliance:	
EMC	Complies with European EMC Directive for test and measurement products. • IEC/EN 61326-1 • CISPR Pub 11 Group 1, class A • AS/NZS CISPR 11 • ICES/NMB-001 Complies with Australian standard and carries C-Tick mark. This ISM device complies with Canadian ICES-001. Cet appareil ISM est conforme à la norme NMB-001 du Canada.
Safety	Complies with European Low Voltage Directive and carries the CE-marking. Conforms to UL 61010-1 and CSA C22.2 61010-1.

Supplemental Characteristics (continued)

	N6700B, N6701A, N6702A
Environmental Conditions	
Operating environment	Indoor use, installation category II (for AC input), pollution degree 2
Temperature range	0°C to 55°C (output current is derated 1% per °C above 40°C ambient temperature)
Relative humidity	Up to 95%
Altitude	Up to 2000 meters
Storage temperature	-30°C to 70°C
LED statement	Any LEDs in this unit are Class 1 LEDs as per IEC 825-1
Acoustic Noise Declaration:	
This statement is provided to comply with the requirements of the German Sound Emission Directive, from 18 January 1991.	Sound Pressure Lp <70 dB(A), At Operator Position, Normal Operation, According to EN 27779 (Type Test). Schalldruckpegel Lp <70 dB(A), Am Arbeitsplatz, Normaler Betrieb, Nach EN 27779 (Typprüfung).
Power Available to Modules:	
Values represent combined power rating of all modules installed per mainframe.	400 W (for N6700B mainframes) 600 W (for N6701A mainframes) 1200 W (for N6702A mainframes)
AC Input:	
Nominal Input Ratings	100 VAC – 240 VAC; 50/60/400Hz
Input Range	86 VAC – 264 VAC
Power Consumption (units have power factor correction)	1000 VA (N6700B mainframes) 1500 VA (N6701A mainframes) 3000 VA (N6702A mainframes)
Fuse	Internal fuse - not customer accessible.
Agilent N6702A Note: AC mains circuits rated at nominal 100-120 VAC cannot supply enough current to power the N6702A mainframe when operated at its full rated power. Nevertheless, the N6702A can be connected to an AC mains circuit rated at nominal 100-120 VAC. In this case, internal circuits will limit the power available to modules to 600 W.	
Output Terminal Isolation:	
Maximum Rating	No power module output terminal may be more than 240 VDC from any other terminal or chassis ground.
Agilent N6781A Note: When using the AUX measurement input terminals on Model N6781A, no front panel output terminal or rear panel input terminal may be more than ±60 VDC from any other terminal and chassis ground	
Dimensions:	
Height	44.45 mm / 1.75 in.
Width	432.5 mm / 17.03 in.
Depth (including handles)	585.6 mm / 23.06 in. (N6700B/N6701A mainframes) 633.9 mm / 24.96 in. (N6702A mainframes)
Net Weight:	
N6700B with 4 power modules	12.73 kg / 28 lbs.
N6701A with 4 power modules	11.82 kg / 26 lbs.
N6702A with 4 power modules	14.09 kg / 31 lbs.
Single power module (typical)	1.23 kg / 2.71 lbs

Outline Diagram



Appendix B
Using the Digital Port

Digital Control Port 102
Configuring the Digital Control Port 103

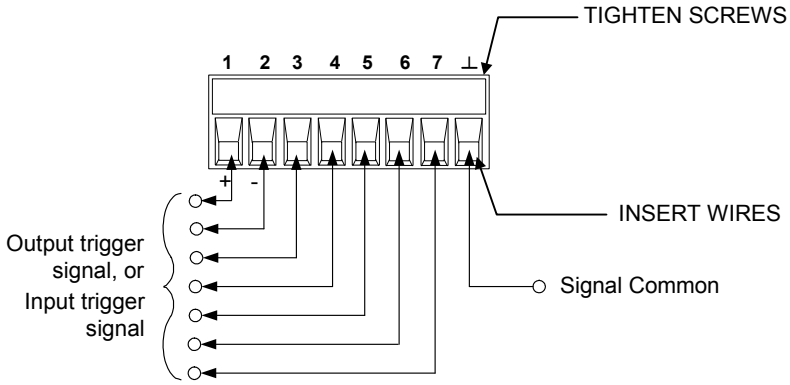
A Digital Control Port consisting of seven I/O pins is provided to access various control functions. Each pin is user-configurable. The following control functions are available for the I/O pins:

- Bi-directional Digital I/O
- Digital Input only
- External Trigger
- Fault Output
- Inhibit Input
- Output State (see Appendix D)

NOTE Earlier Agilent N6700A mainframes use a 4-pin connector instead of the 8-pin connector available on the N6700B, N6701A, and N6702A mainframes. Refer to the Service Guide for information on pin functionality of the 4-pin connector.

Digital Control Port

An 8-pin connector and a quick-disconnect connector plug are provided on each instrument for accessing the five digital control port functions.



The digital control connector accepts wires sizes from AWG 14 to AWG 30. Note that wire sizes smaller than AWG 24 are not recommended. Disconnect the connector plug to make your wire connections.

NOTE It is good engineering practice to twist and shield all signal wires to and from the digital connectors. If shielded wire is used, connect only one end of the shield to chassis ground to prevent ground loops.

The following chart describes the possible pin configuration for the digital port functions. For a complete description of the electrical characteristics of the digital I/O port, refer to Appendix A.

Pin Function	Available configurable pins
Digital I/O and Digital In	Pins 1 through 7
External Trigger In/Out	Pins 1 through 7
Fault Out	Pins 1 and 2
Inhibit In	Pin 3
Output State	Pins 4 through 7
Common (⊥)	Pin 8

In addition to the configurable pin functions, the active signal polarity for each pin is also configurable. When Positive polarity is selected, a logical true signal is a voltage high at the pin. When Negative polarity is selected, a logical true signal is a voltage low at the pin.

Configuring the Digital Control Port

Bi-directional Digital I/O

Each of the seven pins can be configured as general purpose bi-directional digital inputs and outputs. The polarity of the pins can also be configured. Pin 8 is the signal common for the digital I/O pins. Data is programmed according to the following bit assignments:

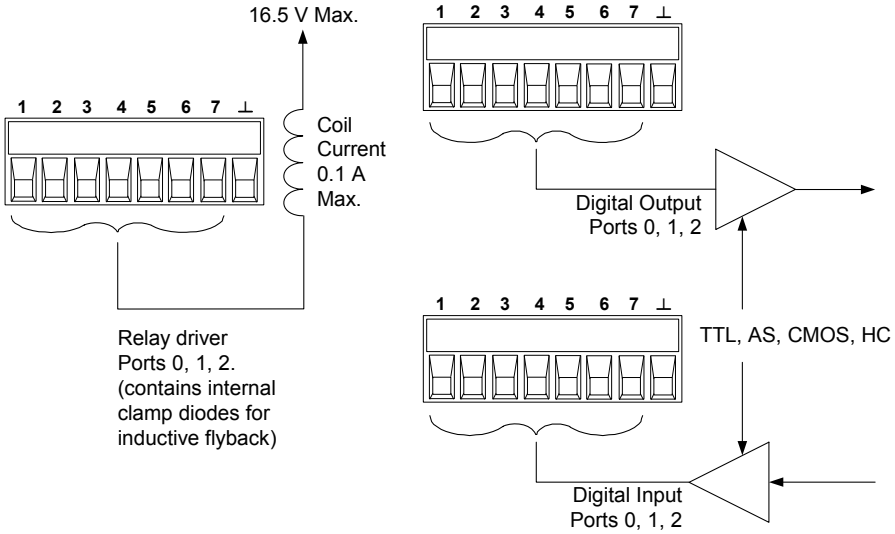
Pin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

To configure the pins for digital I/O:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **System\IO\DigPort\Pins**.
Select a pin in the Pin field.
In the Function field, select Dig I/O.
In the Polarity field, select either Positive or Negative.
To send digital data to the pins, select **System\IO\DigPort\Data**.
Select Data Out and enter the data as a binary number.
	To configure the pin function:
	`DIG:PIN<1-7>:FUNC DIO`
	To configure pin polarity:
	`DIG:PIN<1-7>:POL <pol>`
	To send data to the pins:
	`DIG:OUTP:DATA <data>`

The digital I/O pin can be used to control both relay circuits as well as digital interface circuits. The following figure illustrates typical relay circuits as well as digital interface circuit connections using the digital I/O functions.


16.5 V Max.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ⊥
Coil Current 0.1 A Max.
Relay driver Ports 0, 1, 2. (contains internal clamp diodes for inductive flyback)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ⊥
Digital Output Ports 0, 1, 2
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ⊥
TTL, AS, CMOS, HC
Digital Input Ports 0, 1, 2
A) Relay Circuits
B) Digital Interface Circuits

For a complete description of the electrical characteristics of the digital I/O port, see Appendix A.

Digital Input

Each of the seven pins can be configured as digital input only. The polarity of the pins can also be configured. Pin 8 is the signal common for the digital input pins. The pin status reflects the true condition of the external signal that is applied to the pin. The pin state is not affected by the value of the digital output word.

To configure the pins for digital input only:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **System\IO\DigPort\Pins**.
Select a pin in the Pin field.
In the Function field, select Dig In.
In the Polarity field, select either Positive or Negative.
To read the data from the pins, select **System\IO\DigPort\Data**.
The input data is displayed as a binary number in the Data In field.
	To configure the pin function:
	`DIG:PIN<1-7>:FUNC DINP`
	To configure pin polarity:
	`DIG:PIN<1-7>:POL <pol>`
	To read the pin data:
	`DIG:INP:DATA?`

External Trigger

Each of the seven pins can be configured as either trigger inputs or trigger outputs. The polarity of the pins can also be configured. When you program trigger polarity, POSitive means a rising edge and NEGative means a falling edge. Pin 8 is the signal common for the trigger pins.

When configured as a trigger input, you can apply either a negative-going or a positive-going pulse to the designated trigger input pin. The trigger latency is 5 microseconds. The minimum pulse width is 4 microseconds for positive-going signals, and 10 microseconds for negative-going signals. The pin's polarity setting determines which edge generates a trigger-in event.

When configured as a trigger output, the designated trigger pin will generate a 10 microsecond-wide trigger pulse in response to a trigger event. Depending on the polarity setting, it can be either positive-going or negative-going when referenced to common.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **System\IO\DigPort\Pins**,
Select a pin in the Pin field.
In the Function field, select either Trig In or Trig Out.
In the Polarity field, select either Positive or Negative.
	To select the trigger output function for pin 1:
	`DIG:PIN1:FUNC TOUT`
	To select the trigger input function for pin 2:
	`DIG:PIN2:FUNC TINP`
	To select the trigger polarity:
	`DIG:PIN<1-7>:POL <pol>`

Fault Output

Pins 1 and 2 can be configured as a fault-output pair. The polarity of pin 1 can also be configured. Pin 1 is the Fault output; pin 2 is the common for pin 1. Note that pin 2 must also be connected to pin 8.

The Fault Output function enables a fault condition on any channel to generate a fault signal on the Digital Control port. The following conditions will generate a fault event: over-voltage, over-current, over-temperature, inhibit signal, power-fail condition, or on some models, a power-limit condition.

Both pins 1 and 2 are dedicated to this function. This provides for an optically-isolated output. Pin 2's function is ignored. Note that the Fault output signal remains latched until the fault condition is cleared. You must also clear the protection circuit.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **System\IO\DigPort\Pins**.
Select pin 1, then Function, then Fault Out. In the Polarity field, select either Positive or Negative.
	To configure the Fault function:
	`DIG:PIN1:FUNC FAUL`
	To select the fault output polarity:
	`DIG:PIN1:POL <pol>`

Inhibit Input

Pin 3 can be configured as a remote inhibit input. The polarity of pin 3 can also be configured. Pin 8 is the common for pin 3.

The Inhibit Input function lets an external input signal control the output state of all of the output channels in the mainframe. The signal latency is 5 microseconds. Pin 3 can be programmed for the following Inhibit modes, which are stored in non-volatile memory:

LATChing Causes a logic-true transition on the Inhibit input to disable all outputs. The outputs will remain disabled after the inhibit signal is received.

LIVE Allows the enabled outputs to follow the state of the Inhibit input. When the Inhibit input is true, the outputs are disabled. When the Inhibit input is false, the outputs are re-enabled.

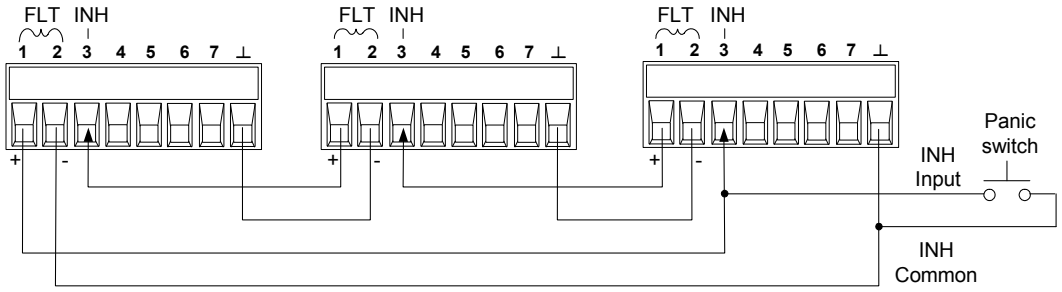
OFF The Inhibit input is ignored.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **System\IO\DigPort\Pins**.
Select pin 3, then Function, then Inhibit In. In the Polarity field, select either Positive or Negative.
Select **Protect\Inhibit**.
Select either Latching or Live.
To disable the Inhibit signal, select Off
	To configure the Inhibit function:
	`DIG:PIN3:FUNC INH`
	To select the inhibit input polarity:
	`DIG:PIN3:POL <pol>`
	To latch the Inhibit signal:
	`OUTP:INH:MODE LATC`
	To set the Inhibit signal live:
	`OUTP:INH:MODE LIVE`
	To disable the Inhibit signal:
	`OUTP:INH:MODE OFF`

Fault/Inhibit System Protection

The following figure illustrates some ways that you can connect the Fault/Inhibit pins of the connector.



As shown in the figure, when the Fault outputs and Inhibit inputs of several mainframes are daisy-chained, an internal fault condition in one of the mainframes will disable all of them without intervention by either the controller or external circuitry.

You can also connect the Inhibit input to a manual switch or external control signal that will short the Inhibit pin to common whenever it is necessary to disable all output channels in the mainframe. Negative polarity must be programmed for all pins in this case. You can also use the Fault output to drive an external relay circuit or signal other devices whenever a user-definable fault occurs.

Clearing a System Protection Fault

To restore all instruments to a normal operating condition when a fault condition occurs in a daisy-chained system protection configuration, two fault conditions must be removed:

1. The initial protection fault or external Inhibit signal.
2. The subsequent daisy-chained fault signal (which is sourced by the Inhibit signal).

NOTE Even when the initial fault condition or external signal is removed, the Inhibit fault signal is still active and will continue to shut down the outputs of all the mainframes.

To clear the daisy-chained fault signal if the operating mode of the Inhibit input is Live, simply clear the output protection on any ONE mainframe as explained in chapter 4. If the operating mode of the Inhibit input is Latched, turn off the Inhibit input on ALL mainframes individually. To re-enable the chain, re-program the Inhibit input on each mainframe to Latched mode.

Output State

Only pins 4 through 7 can be configured to control the output state. This function lets you connect multiple Agilent N6700 mainframes together and synchronize the output on/off sequence across mainframes. Refer to Appendix D for detailed information.

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Power Allocation

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This chapter discusses the power allocation function.

For the majority of Agilent N6700 Modular Power System configurations, full power is available from all installed power modules. However, it is possible to configure a power system in which the combined ratings of the power modules exceed the power rating of the mainframe.

The power rating of Agilent N6700 mainframes is as follows:

- Agilent N6700A/B = 400 W
- Agilent N6701A = 600 W
- Agilent N6702A @ nominal 100 - 120 VAC = 600 W
  @ nominal 200 - 240 VAC = 1,200 W

Note that the power system will continue to operate normally as long as the combined module output power is within the power rating of the mainframe.

Power Limit Operation

Mainframe Power Limit

If the combined power drawn from all of the power modules exceeds the mainframe's power rating, a power fault protection event will occur. This causes ALL outputs to turn off and remain off until a protection clear command is given. This is explained in chapter 4 under "Clear Output Protection Functions". A status bit (PF) will indicate that a power fault protection event has occurred.

The power allocation function lets you programmatically limit the power that can be sourced from individual power modules, thereby preventing the combined power from exceeding the mainframe's rated output power and causing all the outputs to turn off.

NOTE For N6702A mainframes operating at 100-120 VAC nominal, the sum of the channel power limit settings cannot exceed 600W due to a restriction on the AC line current. There is no restriction when operating at 200-240 VAC nominal.

Module Power Limit

When the power limit has been set to a value less than the maximum rating on a power module, and either the output voltage or the output current increases to a point where the module exceeds the power limit setting, the module's power limit function will activate. If the power limit is left at the maximum rating, then the power module will not enable its power limit function.

On Agilent N675xA, and N676xA power modules, the power limit function will limit the output power at its programmed setting. A status bit (CP+) will indicate that the output is in power limit mode. When the power drawn by the load is reduced below the power limit setting, the output automatically returns to normal operation - either constant voltage or constant current mode.

On Agilent N673xB, N674xB, and N677xA power modules, the power limit function will turn the output off after a power limit condition persists for about 1 millisecond. A status bit (CP+) will indicate that the output has been turned off because of a power limit condition. To restore the output, you must first adjust the load so that it draws less power. Then you must clear the protection function as explained in chapter 4 under "Clear Output Protection Functions". Note that on these models, it may be preferable for some applications to use the current or voltage setting to limit the output power so as to avoid turning the output off.

NOTE Power limiting should not be used when Agilent N673xB, N674xB, and N677xA power modules are grouped. When these power modules are grouped, you must reset the power limit to its maximum rated value.

For Agilent N678xA power modules, the power limit function does not apply.

Module Power Allocation

The following commands program the module power limit function:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Output\Advanced\Power**. Enter a power limit for each output.	To set a power limit on output 1: `POW:LIM 100,(@1)`

To query the power limits that are set, send:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
Select **Output\Advanced\Power**. The power allocation for all output channels is displayed in the dialog boxes.	`POW:LIM? (@1:4)`

To return all output channels to their default settings, you can either cycle AC power or send the following commands:

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

Select **States\Reset**	`*RST`
	or
	`POW:LIM MAX,(@1:4)`

NOTE When an output channel is set to MAX, it returns to its maximum rated value, and the power limit function will not activate.

Appendix D
Output On/Off Synchronization

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This chapter discusses output on/off synchronization. This function lets you accurately synchronize output turn-on sequences by letting you specify a common delay offset, which serves as a reference point for the user-programmed turn-on delays.

This same reference point also makes it possible to connect multiple Agilent N6700-series mainframes together and program accurate turn-on sequences across multiple mainframes.

There is no need to specify a delay offset when outputs turn off. Outputs start executing their turn-off delays as soon as an output Off command is received.

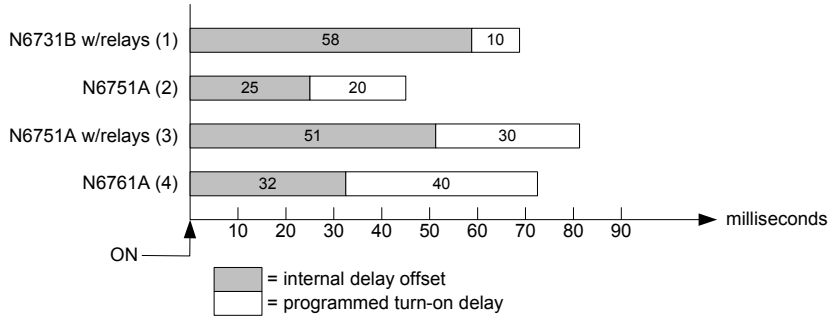
Synchronizing Output Turn-on Delays

All N6700 Power Modules that are installed in an Agilent N6700 mainframe exhibit a minimum delay offset that applies from the time that a command to turn on the output is received until the output actually turns on. If you specify a user-programmed turn-on delay, this delay will be added to the minimum delay offset, resulting in a turn-on delay that is actually longer than the one you programmed. The minimum delay offset is shown in the following table.

Power Modules	Options and Mode	Minimum Delay Offset
N673xB, N674xB, N677xA	Without relays	32 ms
	With relay option 760	58 ms
N6751A, N6752A	Without relays	25 ms
	With relay option 760	51 ms
N6753A, N6754A	Without relays	18 ms
	With relay option 760	44 ms
N6761A, N6762A	Without relays	32 ms
	With relay option 760	58 ms
	Without relays; Current priority	23 ms
	With relay option 760; Current priority	45 ms
N6781A, N6782A	With turn-off mode set to Low Z	23.6 ms
	With turn-off mode set to High Z	22.8 ms

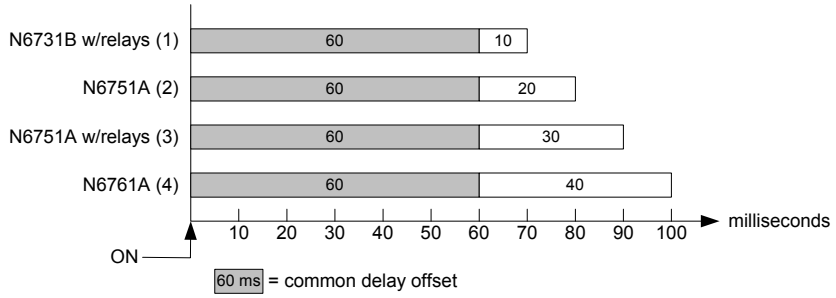
To determine which power modules are installed in your mainframe, select **System\About\Module** from the front panel. This identifies the power module and the installed options. If N676xA power modules are installed, send the `OUTP:PMODE?` query to determine if Current priority mode has been set.

To determine the actual turn-on delay between the "on" event (such as pressing the Output On key or sending an Output On command), you must add the programmed turn-on delay to the minimum delay offset as shown in the following example. In this example, if you program delay values of 10 ms, 20 ms, 30 ms, and 40 ms for output channels 1 through 4 respectively, the actual output delays will be 68 ms, 45 ms, 81 ms, and 72 ms for output channels 1 through 4.



To synchronize power modules with *different* minimum delay offsets as shown above, you can specify a *common* delay offset parameter.

By setting the common delay offset to be greater than or equal to the largest minimum delay offset, you can synchronize the programmed turn-on delays as shown in the following example.



Since there will be an additional delay due to the common delay offset, you will need to account for the additional delay time. As shown in the previous example, if you program a common delay of 60 ms and user-programmed delays of 10 ms, 20 ms, 30 ms, and 40 ms for output channels 1 through 4, the actual output delays from the "on" event will be 70 ms, 80 ms, 90 ms, and 100 ms respectively.

Even though this 60 ms delay offset will be seen on all outputs, the additional delay time will not affect most applications because the relative delay times *between* output module turn-on will still be 10 ms, 20, ms, 30 ms, and 40 ms – the exact values originally specified.

NOTE If you have previously characterized the minimum turn-on delays of the power modules that you are synchronizing and have incorporated this delay in your application program, you do not need to rewrite your test program. Your application will continue to work as before.

Procedure

To configure the output turn-on delays:

1. Enable the turn-on synchronization function on the mainframe.
2. Specify the output channels that will be synchronized or coupled.
3. Specify the user-programmed turn-on delay for each output channel that will be synchronized.
4. This step is required if you have power modules with *different* minimum delay offsets. Specify a common delay offset for all of the synchronized output channels. When the common delay offset completes, the user-programmed turn-on delays will start.

1. Enable the Synchronization Function

Output turn-on synchronization must be enabled on the mainframe.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
In the front panel menu, select **Output\Sequence\Couple**. Check the box labeled "Enable". To disable, uncheck the box.	To enable, send: OUTP:COUP ON To disable, send: OUTP:COUP OFF

2. Specify which Output Channels will be Synchronized

Select the output channels that will be synchronized.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
In the front panel menu, select **Output\Sequence\Couple**. Check which channels will be coupled. To remove a channel, uncheck the box.	To specify a channel or channels: `OUTP:COUP:CHAN 1,2,3,4`

3. Specify the Turn-On Delays for each Output Channel

Turn-on delays can be specified for all coupled output channels. Any delay sequence can be implemented. There are no restrictions on what the sequence is or what channel comes up first.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

For channels 1, 2, 3, and 4, select **Output\Sequence\Delay**.
Specify the Turn-on delay for each channel in seconds; then press Select.
	Program a turn-on delays for channels 1 through 4:
	`OUTP:DEL:RISE .01,(@1)`
	`OUTP:DEL:RISe .02,(@2)`
	`OUTP:DEL:RISE .03,(@3)`
	`OUTP:DEL:RISE .04,(@4)`

4. Specify the Common Delay Offset

Specifying a common delay offset assures that the user-programmed turn-on delays will be synchronized to start at the completion of the common delay offset. Select the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in the mainframe and use that as the common delay offset.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

In the front panel menu, select **Output\Sequence\Couple**.
The **Max delay offset for this frame** field displays the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in the frame. Enter the delay offset value of the *slowest* power module in the **Delay offset** field in milliseconds; then press Select.
	To query the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in the mainframe (the maximum delay offset) in seconds:
	`OUTP:COUP:MAX:DOFF?`
	To specify the common delay offset for the mainframe in seconds:
	`OUTP:COUP:DOFF .051`

Note that you can program a common delay that is longer than the maximum delay offset of the mainframe. You may choose a longer value to make your program flexible for future configurations that may have power modules with longer delay offsets. However, if you program a value that is shorter than the maximum delay offset, you may experience improper synchronization across all outputs.

NOTE There is no need to specify a delay offset when outputs turn off. Outputs start executing their turn-off delays as soon as an output Off command is received.

Synchronizing Multiple Mainframes

The output turn-on synchronization function can be used across multiple mainframes that have coupled output channels. Each mainframe that will be synchronized must have at least one coupled channel. Note that cross-frame synchronization must be enabled for any mainframe that contains synchronized output channels.

Procedure

1. Configure the output channels on each mainframe as described in steps 1 through 3 of the previous procedure.
2. This step is required if you have power modules with *different* minimum delay offsets. Specify a common delay offset for *all* of the synchronized output channels. This value must be the largest delay offset of all synchronized output channels regardless of the mainframe in which they are installed. This same value must be specified as the common delay offset for *each* mainframe.

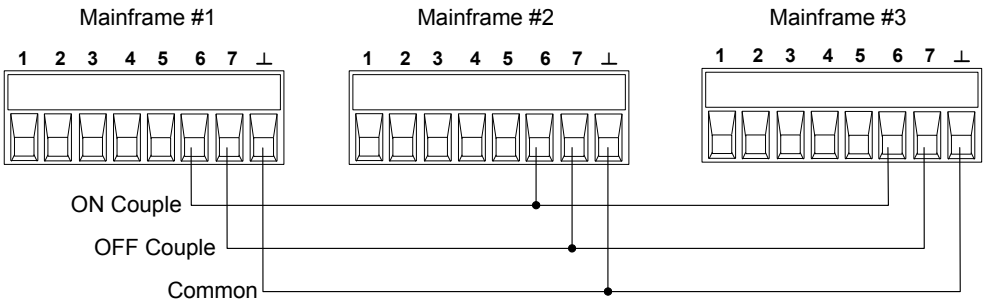
Front Panel:	SCPI Command:
In the front panel menu of each mainframe, select **Output\Sequence\Couple**.	To specify the common delay offset for each mainframe in seconds: `OUTP:COUP:DOFF .051`
In the Delay offset field, enter the delay offset value of the *slowest* power module of *all* the mainframes in milliseconds; then press Select. The **Max delay offset for this frame** field displays the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in *this* frame.	To return the delay offset of the *slowest* power module in each mainframe (the maximum delay offset) in seconds: `OUTP:COUP:MAX:DOFF?`

3. Connect and configure the digital connector pins of the synchronized mainframes as described in the following section.

Digital Connections and Configuration

NOTE Only pins 4 through 7 can be configured as synchronization pins. You cannot configure more than one ON couple and one OFF couple pin per mainframe. The polarity of the pins is not programmable.

The digital connector pins of the synchronized mainframes that contain coupled channels must be connected together as shown in the following figure. In this example, pin 6 will be configured as the output On control. Pin 7 will be configured as the output Off control. The ground or Common pins also need to be connected together.



Only *two* of the digital connector pins on each mainframe can be configured as "ONCouple" and "OFFCouple" on each synchronized mainframe. The designated pins will function as both an input and an output, with a negative transition on one pin providing the synchronization signal to the other pins.

Front Panel:	SCPI Command:

For mainframe #1, select **System\IO\DigPort\Pin6**
Select Function, then ONCouple.
Select **Pins**, select pin 7, then select Function, then OFFCouple.
Repeat these steps for mainframes #2 and #3.
	To configure pin 6 of mainframe #1 as the ON control:
	`DIG:PIN6:FUNC ONC`
	To configure pin 7 of mainframe #1 as the OFF control:
	`DIG:PIN7:FUNC OFFC`
	Repeat these commands for mainframes #2 and #3.

Operation

Once configured and enabled, turning the output on or off on *any* coupled channel will cause *all* coupled channels on all configured mainframes to turn on or off according to their user-programmed delays. This applies to the front panel On/Off key, the Web server, and to SCPI commands.

If a mainframe has its ON/OFF key coupled (located in the **System\Preferences\Keys** menu), turning the output on or off on *any* coupled channel will cause all coupled channels as well as non-coupled channels *on that mainframe* to turn on or off.

Appendix E
Source Operating Modes

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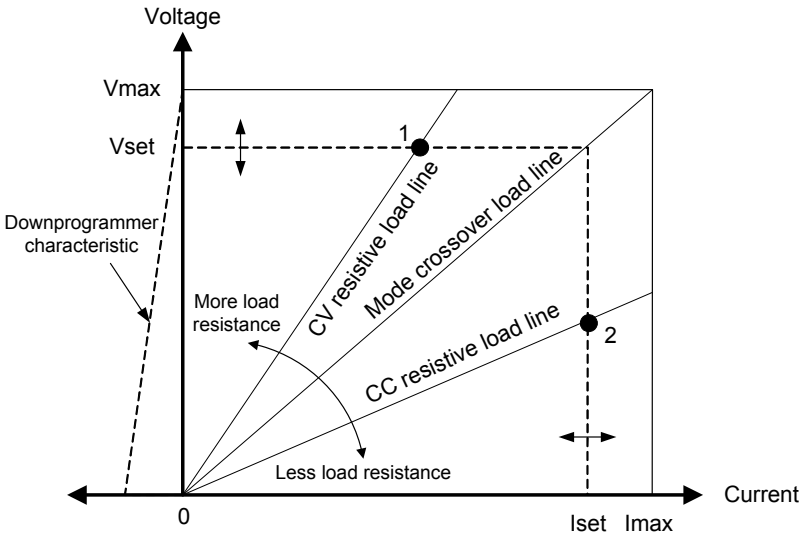
This chapter discusses the difference between constant voltage and constant current operating modes, multiple output quadrant operation, and other advanced source functions.

Single Quadrant Operation

The Agilent N6700 Modular Power System can operate in either constant voltage (CV) or constant current (CC) over the rated output voltage and current. Constant voltage mode is defined as an operating mode in which the dc source maintains its output voltage at the programmed voltage setting in spite of changes in load, line, or temperature. Thus, when the load resistance changes, the output voltage remains constant while the output current changes to accommodate the change in load.

Constant current mode is defined as an operating mode in which the dc source maintains its output current at the programmed current limit in spite of changes in load, line, or temperature. Thus, when the load resistance changes, the output current remains constant while the output voltage changes to accommodate the change in load.

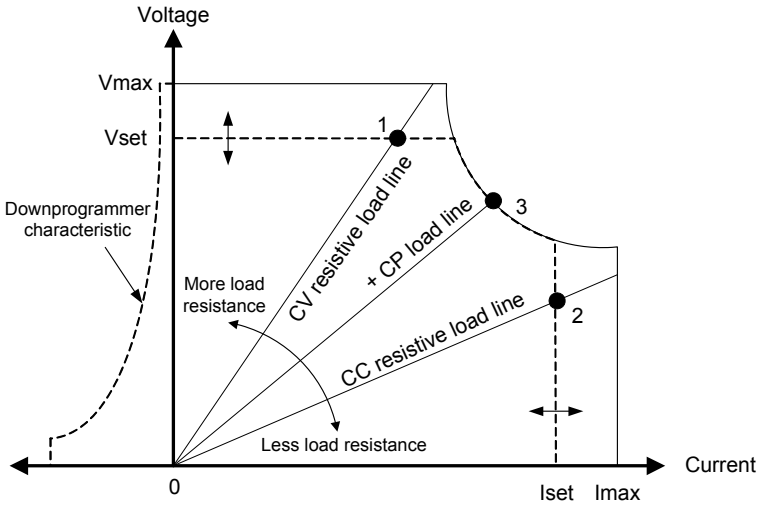
All DC power modules, except for Agilent N678xA power modules, are designed as *constant voltage* sources. This means that the specifications and operating characteristics are optimized for constant voltage mode operation. Note that these power modules cannot be programmed to operate in a specific mode. At turn-on, the operating mode will be determined by the voltage setting, current setting, ***and*** the load resistance. In the following figure, operating point 1 is defined by a fixed load line traversing the positive operating quadrant in the constant voltage region. Operating point 2 is defined by a fixed load line traversing the positive operating quadrant in the constant current region.



Autoranging

NOTE Autoranging only applies to Agilent N675xA and N676xA power modules.

The following figure illustrates the autoranging output characteristic of the Agilent N675xA and N676xA power modules. Point 3 shows a situation in which the voltage and current settings are such that the operating locus is limited by the maximum output power boundary of the output. Depending on the power module, this may be greater than the output power rating of the module. In this situation, the output is not guaranteed to meet its operating specifications because it is operating in an area that is outside its specified power rating.



Downprogramming

As shown by the dashed line on the left in the figures, the power system is capable of sinking current over the output voltage range from zero volts to the rated voltage. This negative current sinking capability provides fast downprogramming of the output. The negative current is not programmable.

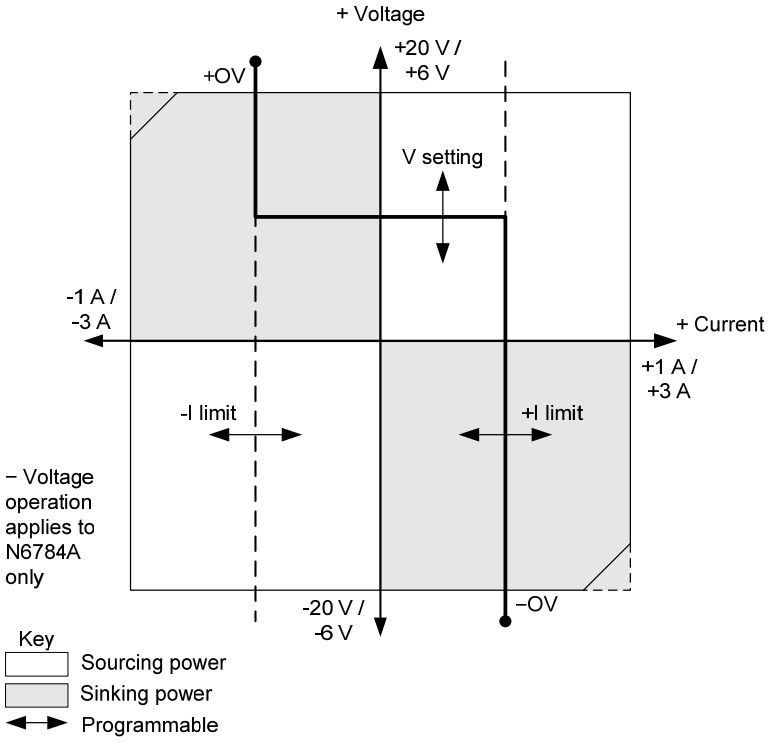
Agilent N678xA Multi-Quadrant Operation

Agilent N678xA power modules can be operated in either voltage or current priority mode. They can source as well as sink output power. Note that Agilent N6781A/82A power modules operate only in the + Voltage quadrants.

Voltage Priority Mode

In voltage priority mode, the output voltage should be programmed to the desired positive or negative value. A positive current limit value should also be set. The current limit should always be set higher than the actual output current requirement of the external load. With tracking enabled, the negative current limit tracks the positive current limit setting. With tracking disabled, you can set different values for the positive and negative current limits.

The following figure shows the voltage priority operating locus of the power modules. The area in the white quadrants shows the output as a source (sourcing power). The area in the shaded quadrants shows the output as a load (sinking power).



The heavy solid line illustrates the locus of possible operating points as a function of the output load. As shown by the horizontal portion of the line, the output voltage remains regulated at its programmed setting as long as the load current remains within the positive or negative current limit setting. A CV (constant voltage) status flag indicates that the output current is within the limit settings.

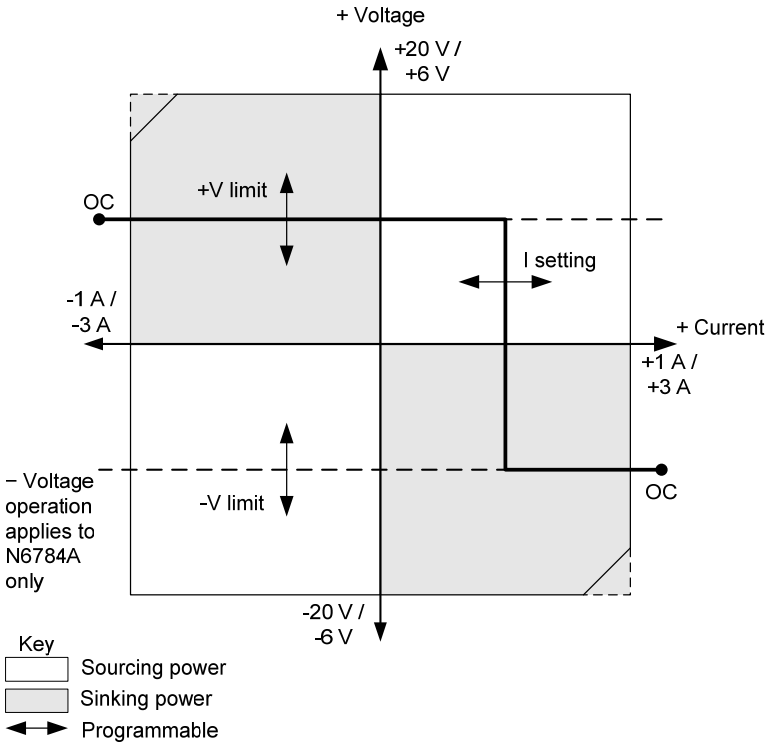
When the output current reaches either the positive or negative current limit, the unit no longer operates in constant voltage mode and the output voltage is no longer held constant. Instead, the power supply will now regulate the output current at its current limit setting. Either a LIM+ (positive current limit), or LIM– (negative current limit) status flag is set to indicate that a current limit has been reached.

As shown by the vertical portions of the load line, when the unit is sinking power, the output voltage may continue to increase in the positive or negative direction as more current is forced into the unit. When the output voltage exceeds either the positive or negative over-voltage setting, the output will shut down, the output relays will open, and either the OV or OV- and the PROT status bits will be set. Either the user-defined over-voltage setting or the local over-voltage function can trip the over-voltage protection.

Current Priority Mode

In current priority mode, the output current should be programmed to the desired positive or negative value. A positive voltage limit value should also be set. The voltage limit should always be set higher than the actual output voltage requirement of the external load. With tracking enabled, the negative voltage limit tracks the positive voltage limit setting. With tracking disabled, you can set different values for the positive and negative voltage limits.

The following figure shows the current priority operating locus of the power modules. The area in the white quadrants shows the output as a source (sourcing power). The area in the shaded quadrants shows the output as a load (sinking power).



The heavy solid line illustrates the locus of possible operating points as a function of the output load. As shown by the vertical portion of the line, the output current remains regulated at its programmed setting as long as the output voltage remains within the positive or negative voltage limit setting. A CC (constant current) status flag indicates when the output voltage is within the limit settings.

If the output voltage reaches either the positive or negative voltage limit, the unit no longer operates in constant current mode and the output current is no longer held constant. Instead, the power supply will now regulate the output voltage at its voltage limit setting. Either a LIM+ (positive voltage limit) or LIM– (negative voltage limit) status flag is set to indicate that either the positive or negative voltage limit has been reached.

As shown by the horizontal portions of the load line, when the unit is sinking power, the output current may continue to increase in the positive or negative direction as more current is forced into the unit. Once the current is exceeds 12% of the rated current of the range (1.12 A on the 1 A range; 3.36 A on the 3 A range), the output will shut down, the output relays will open, and the OC and PROT status bits will be set.

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Manual Updates

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Minor corrections have been made under Over-voltage Protection Considerations on page 35.

Additional information about programming the over-current protection delay has been added to page 86.

The programming accuracy specification for the Current low range (≤100mA, @0-7V) has been changed for models N6761A and N6762A on page 95.